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REPORT MADE AT CLEVELAND, OHIO	DATE WHEN MADE 5/26/37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/22, 23/37	REPORT MADE BY E. J. WHELAN
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEY, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Unidentified body exhumed at Toledo, Ohio, March 23, 1937. Post mortem examination and X-ray pictures failed to establish physical defects reported to have been suffered by Dr. Joseph P. Moran. Hard substances found in left lung tissue, dismembered both forearms and hands, which were in rather good state of preservation, skin from left breast bearing left mammary gland and hairs from head forwarded to Technical Laboratory for examination. X-ray photographs enclosed with this report.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, July 3, 1936.
Bureau letter (7-576), dated March 4, 1937.
Report of Special Agent W. J. Devereux, dated at Chicago, Illinois, March 4, 1937.
Report of Special Agent C. E. Pelletier, dated at Boston, Massachusetts, March 18, 1937.
Letter from the Cleveland Field Division to the Bureau, dated at Toledo, Ohio, March 23, 1937.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES		
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DETAILS:

On March 22, 1937, Special Agents H. B. Dill and E. J. Wynn held a conference with Dr. William M. Shapiro, Lucas County, Ohio, Coroner, and Mr. Harry Pierstorff, Undertaker at Toledo, Ohio, with reference to the exhuming of the unidentified body which was found at Toledo, Ohio, on September 3, 1934. The services of the doctor and the undertaker were engaged and they were advised of the fact that it was absolutely necessary that the disinterring of the body and the subsequent examination of same be kept in absolute confidence, as it was not desired that any publicity result from the fact that Agents were interested in the body. These gentlemen promised their cooperation. No publicity appeared in the newspapers at Toledo, Ohio, concerning this matter.

On March 23, 1937, Special Agents H. B. Dill, E. J. McCabe and E. J. Wynn, were present at the State Line Cemetery in Lucas County, Ohio, at the disinterring of the body. This work was handled by Mr. Harry Pierstorff and two grave diggers.

The body was buried in a large wooden casket box, there being about three feet of earth over the top of the box. Inasmuch as the box had rotted out, it was necessary to lift the body from the grave, place it in a large rubber zipper bag and transport it in this fashion to the undertaking establishment operated by Mr. Harry Pierstorff, where a post mortem examination was made and X-ray pictures taken by Doctors Shapiro and A. H. Steinberg.

The following is the report submitted by Doctors A. H. Steinberg and William M. Shapiro, dealing with the X-ray examination and the post mortem examination:

X-RAY EXAMINATION

Posterior-anterior plate taken of the chest in prone position with portable unit at 20 inch distance shows no evidence of fracture or luxation of any of the bones forming the chest wall. There is no evidence of any metal in the chest cavity. There is no evidence of an old fracture of any of the ribs. The lung in both sides, especially the right, is entirely collapsed and necrotic and no x-ray diagnosis can be made from the chest plate.

Posterior-anterior view of the right tibia and fibula and semilateral view of the left tibia and fibula show no evidence of bone proliferation or bone destruction, there is no evidence of an old fracture or luxation. This is also taken with portable unit at 20 inches in prone position. There is no evidence of any metal.

Posterior-anterior view of the lower 2/3 of the right and left femur shows no evidence of bone proliferation or bone destruction, there is no evidence of any old fracture or luxation. No evidence of any metal. The above is confirmed by post mortem examination.

POST MORTEM EXAMINATION

Examination of unknown person on March 23, 1937, shows the entire body in semi necrotic state, all bones are intact, there is no evidence of any metal found in any portion of the body. There is no evidence of any old fracture. All teeth were present, they were markedly ground, there was no gold or other fillings found. Both mammary glands are present and the left one was removed and preserved. Both forearms and hands were detached and preserved for further examination. The chest cavity was opened, the remaining lung tissue was meticulously searched and some small hard bodies were removed from the left lung and were saved for further examination. Some hairs were cut off of the scalp and were preserved.

The abdominal and pelvic viscera were entirely necrotic and no foreign bodies were found in same.

(In the chest plate a portion of the sixth cervical rib is superimposed on the chest. This condition is the result of handling the body when same was exhumed.)

(S) Dr. W. M. Shapiro, M.D.

Drs. Wm. M. Shapiro & A. H. Steinberg

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The letter of reference dated at Toledo, Ohio, March 23, 1937, states that the X-ray examination disclosed a broken left tibia. However, Doctors William M. Shapiro and A. H. Steinberg, after a further examination of the X-ray plates, and as a result of the post mortem examination, arrived at the conclusion that the broken left tibia occurred while removing the body from the grave, and therefore was not an old fracture.

An examination of the entire body was made insofar as possible, for the purpose of locating the various reported scars and marks, as set out in the report of Special Agent W. J. Devereux, dated at Chicago, Illinois, March 4, 1937. However, this examination

was negative and none of the scars and marks as described in this last mentioned report were located by the doctors. It might be stated in this connection that the body was, on the whole, badly decomposed, and the skin tissue was missing from a large portion of the body. With reference to the skin tissue on the legs, it was very soft and slimy and badly decomposed.

With particular reference to the teeth, Dr. A. H. Steinberg made a very careful examination of them and stated positively that there was no gold work or fillings of any nature in the teeth. He also gave it as his opinion that the deceased was an inveterate tobacco chewer, inasmuch as the teeth in some places were well grounded down, as is common with the teeth of persons who constantly chew tobacco. He pointed out the peculiar stain on the teeth in substantiation of this theory.

It is noted that the referred-to report of Special Agent W. J. Devereux, on page 3, sets forth information to the effect that Dr. Joseph P. Moran, six months subsequent to his discharge from the army, entered the Veterans' Hospital at Boston, Massachusetts, where his left breast was removed. Reference to the report submitted by Doctors Steinberg and Shapiro, under the heading "POST MORTEM EXAMINATION," indicates that both mammary glands were present, and that the left one was removed and preserved. As indicated in the letter of reference, dated at Toledo, Ohio, March 23, 1937, that portion of the skin of the left chest, containing the left nipple, was forwarded in formaldehyde solution to the Laboratory.

The skin tissue on the right and left forearms and hands was rather well preserved. The arms were dismembered at the elbows and the forearms and hands forwarded to the Technical Laboratory direct from Toledo, Ohio, on March 23, 1937, in a formaldehyde solution, with a request that the Technical Laboratory endeavor to bring out the fingerprints and compare them with the known fingerprints of Dr. Joseph P. Moran; that in the event an identification was not effected thereby, that the prints of the deceased be searched against fingerprints in the Identification Unit.

The referred-to report of Special Agent W. J. Devereux indicates that an X-ray was taken of the lung region of Dr. Joseph P. Moran during his lifetime and that the X-ray examination reflected that in the left lung tissue, imbedded in a pus pocket, was a foreign substance about the size of a green pea, which was believed to be a piece of shrapnel. As indicated in the above quoted report of Doctors Shapiro and Steinberg, the X-rays and post mortem examination of the unidentified body at Toledo, Ohio,

failed to reflect any metal substances. However, a meticulous examination of the withered left lung tissue did reveal some several small hard substances and these, together with several hairs taken from the scalp of the corpse, were forwarded to the Technical Laboratory by the Cleveland Field Division on March 25, 1937, with a request that the hard substances be analyzed for the purpose of determining whether or not they were pieces of shrapnel, and the hair examined for the purpose of determining the color thereof.

The X-ray photographs referred to above are being furnished the Bureau with this report.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

March 25, 1937.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Special Agent E. J. Wynn, on March 19, 1937, interviewed Clayton Hall at Youngstown, Ohio, on certain angles of this case. It is to be recalled that Clayton Hall has been frequently mentioned in past investigations and that it was at his house that Karpis lived in Youngstown, Ohio.

Hall stated that through some source, which he refused to reveal, he keeps in touch with the general status of the investigation being conducted by the Bureau and the Post Office Inspectors and that he heard that Joseph Roscoe, following his apprehension at Miami, Florida, gave a signed statement to Agents of the Bureau; that Joseph Roscoe, since being released on bond, is making the claim that the statement was forced from him by Bureau Agents, in that he, Roscoe, was chained to the floor and to radiators.

Clayton Hall further stated that it was his understanding that Joseph Roscoe was negotiating with the United States Attorney's Office at Cleveland, Ohio, to enter a plea of guilty to the charges in the indictment against him, in connection with the Garrettsville, Ohio, Mail Train Robbery, in the event he could strike a satisfactory bargain as to his sentence, and that as a step in this bargaining, Joseph Roscoe contemplated "fingering" Benson Groves for the Post Office Inspectors.

While at Toledo, Ohio, on March 22nd and 24th, 1937, Special Agents H. B. Dill and E. J. Wynn interviewed Joe Remue, whose name has been mentioned frequently in connection with the harboring investigation conducted at Toledo, Ohio, and he stated that it was his understanding that Joseph Roscoe was making claims to the effect that Bureau Agents at Miami, Florida, had grossly mistreated him, Joseph Roscoe, in that they kept him chained to radiators and to the

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floor and refused to supply him with food, and that the only sustenance he had was buttermilk.

On March 24, 1937, Special Agent E. J. Wynn interviewed Joe Remue and [REDACTED] jointly, at which time [REDACTED] stated that he had talked with Joseph Roscoe since the latter's release on bond, particularly on one occasion, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] stated that Joseph Roscoe feels that he will be convicted on the charges in the indictment against him for his participation in the Garrettsville, Ohio, Mail Train Robbery, but that Roscoe is extremely anxious to avoid going to the penitentiary at this particular time, and plans, if convicted, to appeal his case to the Circuit Court of Appeals at Cincinnati, and if the decision of that court is adverse to him, to appeal to the United States Supreme Court.

He further stated that Joseph Roscoe mentioned the name of Special Agent E. J. Wynn as being one of the agents who talked to him at Miami, Florida, and that he made claims to the effect that although he had signed the statement, consisting of three pages, he did not know the contents thereof and only signed the document because he was forced to do so, having been kept in chains and deprived of all food except buttermilk.

[REDACTED] further stated that Joseph Roscoe indicated to him that he had been propositioned on the question of entering a plea of guilty in exchange for consideration of a lighter sentence than would be imposed in case of a conviction, and that it was the general rumor in Toledo, Ohio, that Joseph Roscoe, as part of his bargain in pleading guilty and receiving a light sentence, was to "finger" Benson Groves, and that as a result, Benson Groves is not at present in Toledo or vicinity, and that Joseph Roscoe does not know his whereabouts. He further stated that rumors are to the effect that if Joseph Roscoe is sentenced to the penitentiary, there is a strong likelihood that Benson Groves will return to Toledo.

On the evening of March 22, 1937, Special Agent E. J. Wynn had a conference with United States Attorney E. B. Freed and Assistant to the Attorney General Shanahan at the Commodore-Perry Hotel in Toledo, Ohio, during which time, discussion centered itself around the Garrettsville, Ohio, Mail Train Robbery, particularly

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with reference to Joseph Roscoe. Mr. Freed indicated that Roscoe's attorneys were negotiating with him for a light sentence in consideration of Roscoe's pleading guilty, and in this connection, stated that if Roscoe would furnish the information resulting in the apprehension of Benson Groves, he, Freed, would recommend a sentence for Joseph Roscoe, not exceeding five years in the penitentiary.

Mr. Freed further stated that bond for Joseph Roscoe was originally set in the amount of \$50,000.00, but that Roscoe's attorneys in the United States District Court at Cleveland, Ohio, petitioned for a reduction of the bond, and a hearing was had on the petition, during which Joseph Roscoe and his attorneys made the claim that Joseph Roscoe, in signing a statement at Miami, Florida, secured from him by Bureau Agents, acted under duress, inasmuch as he was kept in chains and deprived of food; that in order to refute this contention, Post Office Inspector S. J. Hettrick was called before the presiding judge and he informed him that Joseph Roscoe had reiterated substantially all those facts contained in the signed statement secured by Bureau Agents at Miami, Florida, to the Post Office Inspectors at the County Jail at Cleveland, Ohio.

According to Mr. Freed, the court saw fit to reduce the bond from \$50,000.00 to \$40,000.00, which bond was supplied by Joseph Roscoe, through a surety company.

Trial of the Garrettsville, Ohio, Mail Train Robbery case, according to Mr. Freed, is definitely set for April 5, 1937, at which time Mr. Freed contemplates calling as witnesses, Special Agents S. K. McKee and E. J. Wynn.

The Cleveland Field Division feels that the Bureau should know of the allegations being made by Joseph Roscoe as to his mistreatment by Bureau Agents at Miami, Florida, as a matter of record. Special Agent E. J. Wynn advises me that Joseph Roscoe was in no way mistreated in his presence at Miami, Florida, but, on the contrary, was furnished every consideration, and, as a matter of fact, he expressed his appreciation for the courtesies extended to him while being held in the Miami Field Division.

As set out in the report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, dated at Miami, Florida, January 27, 1937, page 22, Joseph Roscoe,

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on the late afternoon of January 26, 1937, the last day he was held in the Miami Field Division, signed a statement to the effect that he had remained there voluntarily, and that a log covering the treatment afforded Joseph Roscoe while in custody of the Miami Field Division, was maintained as a part of the file in that division.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland
J. P. MacFARLAND,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Chicago
Cincinnati
Miami
Inspector E. J. Connelley,
Tacoma, Wash.

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March 31, 1937.

AIR MAIL

Mr. R. L. Chivers,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 2839,
Miami, Florida.

RE: GEORGE TIMINEY;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE,
Identification Order 1232, et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim;
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter from the Cleveland Field Division dated March 25, 1937 concerning certain allegations being made by Joseph Roscoe regarding his treatment while he was being held in the Miami Field Division.

In view of these statements the Bureau desires that a complete signed statement be obtained from the Special Agents who arrested Roscoe and who interviewed him while he was being held in Miami. This statement should cover in detail the actual conditions under which Roscoe was held and under which his statement was obtained and should set forth the length of hours he was interviewed, the nature and amount of food supplied him and all other facts pertaining to the conditions surrounding his incarceration.

A copy of this letter is being directed to the Cleveland Field Division so that Special Agent E. J. Wynn may submit a similar statement concerning his contacts with Roscoe while at Miami.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc Cleveland

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Post Office Drawer "V", Plaza Station
St. Louis, Missouri
March 27, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois

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Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

The St. Louis Field Division files in the above entitled matter contain a memorandum dated at St. Louis, Missouri March 15, 1934 by Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd with reference to two pairs of Cesco M & L Goggles which, it is stated, are to be returned to the Chicago Field Division.

Inasmuch as the St. Louis Field Division has no further use for said goggles, I am returning same herewith to the Chicago Field Division.

Very truly yours,

V. E. PETERSON,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Cincinnati

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508 Medical Arts Building,
Nashville, Tennessee,
March 25, 1937.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: GEORGE TIMINEX, with aliases;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases-
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232; ET AL;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM;
Kidnaping; Obstruction of Justice;
Harboring of Fugitives; National
Firearms Act.

Dear Sir:

The undeveloped lead for the Nashville Field Division ap-
pearing in the report of Special Agent A. P. Fitchin, dated at Cleve-
land, Ohio, March 22, 1937, has already been covered, as will be noted
in the attached report of Special Agent D. M. Frightman, dated at
Nashville, Tennessee, March 1, 1937, copies of which should have been
furnished your Division.

Very truly yours,

T. N. STAPLETON,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc. Cincinnati
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio

March 26, 1937

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that Special Attorney Shanahan of the Attorney General's office, was in conference with United States Attorney E.B. Freed and Assistant United States Attorney G.P. Openlander at Toledo, Ohio, on March 22, and 23, 1937, with reference to the harboring prosecutions in the Northern District of Ohio. On March 22, 1937, United States Attorney E.B. Freed made a request of the Cleveland Field Division and of Special Agent E.J. Wynn, who happened to be in Toledo, to have Sally Jackson and Florence Jasney brought to Toledo the following day by agents of the Cleveland Division in order that they might be interrogated with reference to their signed statements dated November 11, 1936. Inasmuch as Special Agent E.J. Wynn was handling the matter of the exhuming of the unidentified body at Toledo, Ohio, it was impossible for him to handle the matter and inasmuch the two girls mentioned were not previously contacted by any other agents presently in the Cleveland territory, it was impossible to comply with the request of Mr. Freed for this reason and also due to the fact that Mr. Freed had not made his request sufficiently in advance, it being noted that Toledo, Ohio, is approximately one hundred twenty miles from Cleveland, where the girls reside.

Arrangements were made with the aforementioned Attorneys by Special Agent E.J. Wynn for the appearance of the two girls at Mr. E.B. Freed's office at Cleveland, Ohio, on March 26, 1937. On the latter date Sally Jackson and Florence Jasney were interviewed by Messrs. E.B. Freed, G.P. Openlander and Shanahan, at which time the girls stated that they were willing to testify in the harboring prosecution and that the statements previously made by them were true. They were asked many questions by the Attorneys, which they willingly and readily answered, and gave definite assurance that they would be willing witnesses for the Government.

Neither Mr. Freed nor Mr. Shanahan gave any definite indication as to the prosecutive status of the harboring cases.

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Very truly yours,

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J.P. MacFarland
J.P. MacFARLAND, MAR 29 1937
Special Agent in Charge

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Inspector E.J. Connelley, Tacoma, Washington

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
MARCH 26, 1937

Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

An Agent of the Kansas City Field Division recently obtained some information to the effect that the wife of Milton Lett, about two weeks ago, was at the home of her mother, Mrs. Constance Ferris, 605 West 10th Street, Coffeyville, Kansas, at which time she was expecting to give birth to a baby at any moment.

There does not appear to have been any change in previous Bureau instructions to the effect that the Oklahoma City Field Division handle matters in connection with this case at Coffeyville, Kansas. It is my recollection that there are Agents in your Division who are personally acquainted with the Ferrises and others in Coffeyville, Kansas.

It is suggested that this matter be given immediate attention with a view to locating Milton Lett.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Los Angeles, California
March 24th, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID
L. A. File 7-42

Referring further to your letter dated February 8, 1937, and the letter from the Cincinnati Division dated February 12, 1937, copy of which was sent to the Los Angeles Division, and letter from the Los Angeles Division dated February 17, 1937, please be advised that Special Agent James G. Findlay has interviewed W. L. Robertson, Detective-Lieutenant of the Los Angeles Police Department and has obtained the following information about the parties mentioned in said letters and same is being submitted herewith:

Mr. Robertson stated that he was introduced to Frank B. Thompson about five years ago at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles, California, at which time Thompson offered to aid him in the apprehension of Kose Barnett and his gang, which was badly wanted at that time. He stated that Mr. Thompson was from St. Paul, Minnesota, and that Kose Barnett and a brother-in-law, one Ward, a member of Barnett's gang, served a term in the Leavenworth Penitentiary together; that Kose Barnett and Ward were strong political figures in St. Paul until they were ousted by a Sheriff by the name of BROWN. He stated that Thompson's home was at the Adler Hotel in St. Paul and that his wife died about two years ago of delirium tremens at the Pasadena Sanitarium.

He stated that Frank B. Thompson was engaged in the paper mill business a few years ago and is supposed to be worth about ten million dollars. During the past three or four years he has been engaged in the oil business at Oklahoma City and it has been reported that he has made large sums of money there. He is also credited with being very strong politically at Washington at the present time. He has a private telephone number at Hot Springs, Arkansas, which is No. 2093.

It is also reported that he invested \$50,000.00 in the Agua Caliente Racetrack at Tia Juana with James H. Crofton.

The Eddie Robinson mentioned in the letter of reference is no doubt E. H. Robertson, who was assistant manager of the Biltmore Hotel, until the first of January, 1937, at which time he was discharged on account of

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drunkenness. He lives at 83 Hampton Terrace, Alhambra, California.

Eddie Bernard is the manager of the Biltmore Hotel and Baron Long is the principal owner of the Biltmore Hotel, the best hotel in Los Angeles, California.

Mr. Robertson stated with respect to the telegrams sent to parties in Los Angeles by Thompson that James N. Crofton at the Ambassador Hotel is one of the owners of the Agua Caliente Racetrack at Tia Juana and that Thompson is alleged to be financially interested in that venture with Crofton. It is also reported that they are both interested in the Santa Anita Racetrack at Los Angeles. He stated that the telegrams were received by Baron Long and E. M. Robertson and Eddie Bernard at the Biltmore Hotel and that Thompson called him, W. L. Robertson, on the long distance telephone from Hot Springs at his office in the City Hall, Los Angeles.

He further stated that Thompson wanted him to get some information for him about a breach of promise action which Thompson was afraid was going to be filed against him in Los Angeles, California.

He stated that the telegrams which the other men received from Thompson were unintelligible and after they talked it over they came to the conclusion that Thompson was drunk or "dopey from dissipation" and so far as he knows they did not answer his telegrams. He stated that Thompson has a married daughter living in Beverly Hills, California, and her phone number is Oxford 4798.

Mr. Robertson stated that on January 28, 1934, Herbert Akers, Chief of Police at Hot Springs, Arkansas, wired the Los Angeles Police Department for the record of Louis Straus alias Louis Mallison and John Sorgan. He stated that Sorgan is about 44 years of age and his fingerprint classification is:

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but the Los Angeles Police Department has no photograph of him. Agent obtained a photograph of Straus which is being forwarded to the Little Rock Division. The Los Angeles Police Department No. is 26048-K-3. His fingerprint classification is:

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Criminal record:



He stated that Straus, who is known as "Russian Louie", was a pal of Hubert Coates who was arrested in Los Angeles, California, in 1928 with several parties, charged with robbing the Pacific National Bank of Los Angeles, California. Coates left and went to Hot Springs and stayed at the Wakeshaw Hotel at Hot Springs. It was reported that he robbed a man in the hotel and tied him up and the man choked to death and about the same time Coates killed the Chief of Police at Hot Springs, but was never tried for either murder; that Coates then went to Chicago and New York City and hung out at Dwyer's Pool Hall in New York City during 1932 and 1933.

Mr. Robertson stated that his most recent information is that Coates married a wealthy widow in Chicago and that Coates and Straus are operating out of Chicago as card sharps, pool sharps and all-around gamblers.

He described Hubert Coates as follows:

Age:	43 years of age
Height:	6'2" or more.
Weight:	225 to 230 lbs.

The Los Angeles Police Department has no picture of Coates and Mr. Robertson stated that he did not know where one could be found.

Effort was made to secure the telegrams mentioned in the letter of reference, February 8, 1937. Douglas Wilkes, City Manager of the Western Union, made a search of his files from November 23rd to 26th, 1936, inclusive, but found no telegram except the one signed "Dutch" which was quoted in said letter.

Mr. SHAW, City Manager of the Postal Telegraph Company, Los Angeles, made a search of telegrams sent and received by his company between November 23 and 26th, inclusive. He found two telegrams, one on November 25, 1936, to B. L. Straus, care of the May Company, from New York City. It related to employment. The other was dated November 26, 1936, addressed to Mrs. B. L. Straus, 145 North Rossmore, Los Angeles, and was from St. Louis, Missouri, and was signed "Louise and Elsie". Neither of said telegrams appeared to relate to instant matter. None were found which passed between Los Angeles, California, and Hot Springs or Little Rock, Arkansas.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON
Special Agent in Charge.

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PRESIDENT OF ABOVE MOTOR COMPANY

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Special Agent in Charge
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Please refer to the report of Special Agent J. S. Bush, St. Louis, Missouri, March 19, 1937, which sets out a lead for this Field Division to obtain a record of one WILLIAM B. HITE, at the State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri.

A letter in the premises was addressed to J. E. Sanders, Warden at that institution, and a reply has been received in which he informs that from a search of his records he has been unable to locate a record of WILLIAM B. HITE as now being there or having been there at any time.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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March 26, 1936.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated March 24, 1936, addressed to Mr. Connelley at Chicago, outlining additional inquiries desired in connection with the prosecution of Joseph H. Adams and Henry "Duke" Randall.

I am transmitting herewith original statement of Harry R. Cook, dated April 25, 1935, at Etowah, Tenn., and referred to in the report of Special Agent H. F. Small, Nashville, Tenn., dated April 30, 1935. The Jacksonville file reflects that the other statements requested in the Bureau's letter have been furnished to the United States Attorney at Miami, Florida. These will be obtained today, and forwarded to the Bureau on March 27, 1936.

With reference to the further interview with Willie Woodbury at Oklawaha, Florida, outlined on pages 3 and 4 of the Bureau's letter, it is noted that Woodbury has been recently interviewed as reflected in the report of Special Agent B. F. Fitzsimons, Jacksonville, dated March 24, 1936. Further interview will be had with Woodbury immediately with the use of the photograph of Randall. The additional inquiries desired by the Bureau at Miami and vicinity will be given immediate attention and the Bureau will be informed as expeditiously as possible of the results thereof.

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With reference to the Bureau's desire to ascertain the present whereabouts of Mary Irene (Billie) Koreen, you are advised that inquiries at Miami Beach indicate that this woman was in Miami during the present season but probably returned to Cleveland, Ohio, on account of a death in her family, and may now be located in California. The Cleveland Office has been requested by teletype to endeavor to determine her present location.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge.
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E. J. Connelley, Chicago.

1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

March 26, 1937

Honorable E. P. Freed,
United States Attorney,
Cleveland, Ohio.

RE: BREKID

Dear Mr. Freed:

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March 20, 1937, in the case entitled, "GEORGE TIMINEX,
with aliases; et al; KIDNAPING, etc."

You will note that the report contains
information corroborating to some extent the facts
previously furnished in signed statements by Sally
Jackson and Florence Jasany.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MAC FARLAND,
Special Agent in Charge.

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1448 Standard Building,
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United States Attorney,
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Very truly yours,

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio**

FILE NO. **7 - 9**

REPORT MADE AT Indianapolis, Indiana	DATE WHEN MADE 3-27-37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3-10, 14, 17-37	REPORT MADE BY Eugene I. Humphrey EC
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, FUGITIVE, IO 1232; et al Edward George Bremer - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Charles "One-Arm" Wolf advises he does not know the present whereabouts of "Turk" Brennan and has never heard of nor seen Benson Groves. Wolf advises that the man suspected of murdering Ben Hance, who is known as "Turk" and is likely identical with "Turk" Brennan, was known to Wolf as Joe White. According to Wolf, the Bureau of Criminal Identification of the State of Indiana, Indianapolis, Ind., has a photograph of this individual. Wolf further alleges Joe White spent some time in the County Jail, Marion, Ind., about 1928 and was in the Iowa State Penitentiary, Ft. Madison, Iowa, about 1932. Wolf suggests contacting Earl Randolph and Pete Barlow, Muncie, Ind., for further information as to likely contacts of "Turk". Description of "Turk" as given by Charles Wolf disagrees in some respects with that set out in letter from Cleveland Field Division to Detroit Field Division dated Feb. 3, 1937. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Fryar, sister and brother-in-law of Benson Groves, insist they have not seen him for seventeen years and absolutely and unequivocally refuse to co-operate in causing his apprehension. Both of these parties expressed extreme resentment at being questioned in the matter, stating that they have already informed Postal Inspectors that they know nothing whatsoever about the location of Groves. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fryar, brother and sister-in-law of Harvey Fryar, Hammond, Ind., state that they know practically nothing of the affairs and relatives of Mrs. Harvey Fryar, with whom they are not on very friendly terms.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>Reference: Letter from Indianapolis Field Division to Cleveland Field Division dated February 12, 1937; letter from the Cleveland Field Division dated March 4, 1937.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Harold H. Reinhardt</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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Details:

At Michigan City, Indiana

CHARLES "ONE-ARM" WOLF was contacted at the Indiana State Prison, where he is incarcerated on a charge of having murdered one BEN HANCE near Muncie, Indiana. Wolf advised that the man called "TURK", who was suspected of having killed Ben Hance and his wife, was known to him as JOE WHITE. According to Wolf, this man was a member of GERALD CHAPMAN'S mob and had come to Muncie, Indiana, from Wheeling, West Virginia, about 1919. Wolf was under the impression that Joe White was the true name of the man but advised that he was the only member of Chapman's gang in Muncie who was known as "Turk" and also, according to Wolf's version, was the man suspected of having killed Ben Hance and his wife along with DUTCH ANDERSON. Wolf insists, as a matter of fact, that "Turk" actually is the killer and that, because of mistaken identity, he, Wolf, is doing time for "Turk". Wolf advised that he has presently filed a writ of Error Coram Nobis, the hearing of which has not been set as yet, in which he hopes to establish that this man "Turk" actually was the killer. (It is noted that the information that "Turk" was possibly involved in the killing of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hance is in keeping with the information set out in the letter of reference of March 4, 1937, as obtained from Chief of Police HUGH McDERMOTT of East Liverpool, Ohio, and would lend some credence to the belief of Wolf that "Turk" alias Joe White (Wolf has stated that he never knew this man by the name of BRENNAN) is identical with "Turk" Brennan. However, in view of a discrepancy between the description of Joe White and "Turk" Brennan, although copies of this report are being designated for the Omaha Field Division, no investigation concerning Joe White will be requested of it until further inquiry by the Indianapolis Field Division at Muncie establishes more definitely whether White is identical with the man known as "Turk" Brennan.)

Wolf described Joe White, alias "Turk" as follows:

Age	Approximately 45 years
Height	5' 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight	180 pounds
Eyes	Probably dark
Eyebrows	Black, heavy
Hair	Black, turning gray; somewhat wavy
Nose	Prominent
Eyeglasses	Wore dark-colored glasses
Peculiarities	Heavy drinker; fond of women.

Wolf advised that this man was in the County Jail at Marion, Indiana, in connection with the robbery of the Gas City, Indiana, Bank in about 1927. Wolf stated that he was also in the Iowa State Penitentiary at Fort Madison, Iowa, on some charge not known to Wolf about 1932; and Wolf further alleged that Joe White, whom Wolf stated was also known as "CURLY", has a picture on file with the Indiana State Bureau of Criminal Identification at Indianapolis, Indiana, which picture was taken about 1928 when Joe White was returned

to the County Jail at Marion, Indiana, (previously referred to herein) from St. Clairsville, Ohio, at which place he was arrested at that time.

Wolf advised that DOCTOR SPIKERMAN, who upon his release from the Penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, to which place he was sent for violation of the Harrison Narcotics Act in 1925, settled somewhere in Illinois and whom Wolf believes to be practicing medicine in that state, knew this man called "Turk" well; but Wolf stated that he is certain that Doctor Spikerman would not have any idea where "Turk" is at the present time, as Wolf has heard that Doctor Spikerman has settled down to legitimate practice since he was released.

Wolf also advised that one EARL RANDOLPH, former Chief of Police at Muncie, Indiana, now thought to be a Justice of the Peace there, knew all of Chapman's mob and would be a good source of information in tracing Turk Brennan. Wolf also advised contacting SHERIFF FRED W. PUCKETT at Muncie. It is noted in the first letter of reference that Sheriff Puckett was recently contacted; however, a lead is being set out in this report to re-contact him to establish whether Joe White, alias "Turk", is identical with Turk Brennan to whom he referred in his previous interview with Special Agent S. B. Landrum of the Indianapolis Field Division.

Wolf also advised that Joe White used to go with one NORA BARLOWE, now deceased, but that her husband now runs a saloon in Muncie, Indiana, and may have some information as to the whereabouts or former contact of White. According to Wolf, one KIRBY DAVIS of Muncie and now -- since his release from the United States Penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, about three years ago (he was in for violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act) -- lives some place in California. Wolf insisted that Earl Randolph or some of the other persons mentioned herein as being in Muncie, Indiana, should know in what town Kirby Davis is at present.

Wolf stated that he had never heard of BENSON GROVES under that name or any other name known to have been used by him. He was unable to identify a photograph of Groves.

At Hammond, Indiana

MRS. IDA FRYAR, sister of BENSON GROVES, was contacted at her home at 6236 Van Buren Avenue. Immediately upon ascertaining Agent's identity and the purpose of his call, Mrs. Fryar became very bitter and began to denounce the Government for sending its operatives to "bother innocent people". She stated that she had previously told two Postal Inspectors who came to her place that she had not seen her brother in seventeen years, that that statement was the truth, and that she did not wish to discuss the situation at all. She advised that she was unable to understand why information she gave to the Postal Inspectors was not available to this department and expressed great resentment towards the fact that, when the Postal Inspectors had first gone to her home, she was not in and they had "gone next door" (apparently referring to the home of Mrs. Perry, 6238 Van Buren Avenue who has previously been mentioned in this case) and made inquiries. Mrs. Fryar stated that "any intelligent person"

would know that a criminal wanted by authorities would not contact his own sister. She expressed further dissatisfaction regarding the fact that "all my relatives who have not seen Benson for ten years and know nothing about him have been bothered." She stated that she does not know anything about her brother and would not inform authorities if she did, stating that "catching him is their job". She advised that she had told the Postal Inspectors that she intended to "throw the next Government man who came to see her out of the house." Mrs. Fryar insisted that there is no use in telling the Government men anything, as they "only think you are lying." She threatened to "do something drastic" if any other Government man came to see her. She stated that, in addition to having been contacted by this Agent and the two Postal Inspectors, she had been contacted by "some other fellow from the Government about last August, although he did not say he was from the Government." Mrs. Fryar advised that her brother had never been any trouble to her and blamed the Government agencies for any unpleasantness caused to her by her brother's escapades. In the course of her conversation she did state that she had heard from her brother only about twice since he had got out of prison the last time, and that that had been about 1935 when he wrote from Toledo, Ohio, return address General Delivery. She stated that she had attempted to answer these letters but that they had come back marked unclaimed.

During the latter part of the interview with Mrs. Fryar her adopted daughter, MRS. ESTIL STUMP, who resides with Mrs. Fryar, was present. She advised that, while the Government men had not been obnoxious in any manner during their visits, still that Mrs. Fryar is a very nervous person and that for days after such a visit she is exceedingly nervous. According to Mrs. Stump, Mrs. Fryar does not like to recall her disappointment in her brother's actions.

Mrs. Stump herself advised that she resents the Government agencies' sending men to see her foster mother, stating that it is true that her foster mother had not seen her brother for seventeen years and has no idea as to his whereabouts or recent contacts. Mrs. Stump, who is quite young, advised that she knows nothing about Benson Groves.

At a later date MR. AND MRS. CHARLES FRYAR, 6615 Harrison Avenue, were contacted. Mr. Charles Fryar advised that he is not on friendly terms with his sister-in-law as she greatly resented a small practical joke that Charles had played on his brother at a time when the latter was courting Ida Fryar, and that from that day to this he has seldom visited his brother's home. He stated that the only visits he has with his brother now are when he sees him on the street. He stated that he did not even know that Ida Fryar had a full brother; that he knew that she had had a step-mother and thought that the only brothers she might have would be step-brothers. As to her relatives, Mr. Charles Fryar advised that he knew she had come to Hammond, Indiana, from some place in West Virginia, but he did not know any of the details of her family life, advising that he had met her after she came to Hammond, Indiana, and his brother had started courting her.

Mr. Charles Fryar stated that his sister-in-law is a "queer" sort of person. He advised that in her younger days she had been troubled with extreme headaches and had taken anti-pain pills to such an extent that her fingers used to turn blue. Mr. Charles Fryar stated that the reason Mrs. Ida Fryar had adopted a child was that a doctor had advised her to do so in order to take her mind off herself, to keep from possibly becoming a victim of insanity.

Mrs. Charles Fryar advised that, because of the rift between her husband and Mrs. Ida Fryar, she never visits with the latter, although she had dropped into the latter's house occasionally years ago. Mrs. Charles Fryar stated that the only time she had ever heard any mention of a brother of Ida Fryar's was about 1915 when she had been over to the home of Mrs. Ida Fryar and had been informed that some new furniture therein had been the gift of Mrs. Ida Fryar's brother who had been there for a visit.

Mr. Charles Fryar, who is a very pleasant and apparently honest and sincere person, advised Agent to contact his brother, Harvey Fryar, away from the house, stating that he believed that, if Harvey Fryar knew anything about Benson Groves' whereabouts, he would tell Agent.

Accordingly, Agent contacted MR. HARVEY FRYAR, at the storage house of the Northern Indiana Public Service Company where he is employed. However, he adopted the same attitude as had his wife and stated, not only that he and his wife knew absolutely nothing about Benson Groves' present whereabouts or contacts, but that they did not wish to have the subject broached to them. He stated that he had instructed his wife to keep the door of their residence locked at all times and not to answer it for anyone. He concluded by stating that catching fugitives is the work of detectives and not of relatives of the fugitive, who don't know anything about him, even if they wanted to.

- UNDEVELOPED LEADS -

THE INDIANAPOLIS FIELD DIVISION

At Muncie, Indiana:

Will contact Mr. Earl Randolph, Pete Barlow, and Sheriff Fred W. Puckett, all of whom are mentioned in this report, to establish whether Joe White, alias "Turk", mentioned herein is identical with Turk Brennan, and for any information they may have as to the possible location of Turk Brennan or his known contacts who might aid in locating him so that it might be ascertained whether Benson Groves is in contact with him. In the event investigation at Muncie indicates that Joe White and Turk Brennan are identical, efforts should be made to ascertain from the persons interviewed the address of Kirby Davis mentioned herein. In addition, then, the Omaha Field Division should be requested to conduct investigation at the Iowa State Penitentiary to ascertain

the correspondents of Joe White while incarcerated there and any other information of value shown in his file at that prison, in locating him at present should be requested. In addition, if White and Turk Brennan should be shown to be identical, investigation of the same nature as that requested of the Omaha Field Division should be performed by the Indianapolis Field Division at the County Jail at Marion, Indiana.

At Indianapolis, Indiana

Will obtain a picture of Joe White, alias "Turk", from the Indiana Bureau of Criminal Identification, which bureau is said to have a picture of him taken about 1928 when he was returned to the County Jail at Marion, Indiana, from St. Clairsville, Ohio, where he was arrested in connection with a robbery of the Gas City, Indiana, Bank about 1927.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION. MARCH 29, 1937

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Washington Field Division, Room 4244,
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March 25, 1937.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
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Re: GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P.
MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE;
I. O. 1232; et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF
FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report submitted by Special Agent R. P. Burruss of this Division dated March 25, 1937, in the above case.

Attention is invited to the last sentence of the letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury to the Attorney General, dated January 13, 1925, which states: "If, in the opinion of your department this is a case in which the claimant is entitled to the relief sought, this department will raise no objection to the discontinuance of the libel proceedings and the restoration of the seized guns".

It will be noted in the report of Agent Burruss that on October 18, 1921, Frank Williams filed claim to the 495 Thompson machine guns which were seized aboard the SS EASTSIDE on June 12, 1921, and subsequently filed exceptions to the libel and entered an order for the restoration of the machine guns.

It is respectfully suggested that inquiry be made of the Department with a view to establishing, if possible, whether the 495 Thompson machine guns were, in fact, returned to Frank Williams.

Very truly yours,

Guy Hottel
GUY HOTTEL, *fmh*
Special Agent in Charge.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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REPORT MADE AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE 3/26/37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/4 - 15, 23 - 25/37	REPORT MADE BY HARRY A. LOUGHRAN RES
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEY, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232, ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Peter Wrzesinski alias Pete Mason observed in Detroit, Michigan, on March 8, 1937, but present address not ascertained. Investigation reveals association with one Mike Owczarczak, operator of the Crosstown Cafe in Detroit. Investigation and surveillance of Owczarczak's residence and cafe unproductive of information concerning Benson Groves or his whereabouts. Records of Wayne County, Michigan, from March 17, 1935, to March 19, 1937, fail to reveal marriage of Benson Groves under his true name or known aliases. Relatives of Peter Wrzesinski alias Pete Mason and their location ascertained in attempt to locate Groves. Surveillance of Wrzesinski's hangouts and possible residences continuing.</p> <p>REFERENCES:</p> <p>Report of Special Agent Harry A. Loughran dated March 8, 1937, at Detroit, Michigan.</p> <p>Report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn dated March 20, 1937, at Cleveland, Ohio.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>During the evenings of March 4 - 7, 1937, surveillance of the Chene-Trombley Recreation Hall, 6354 Chene Street, Detroit, Michigan, was maintained for the purpose of locating Pete Mason with negative results.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Ray A. Quinn</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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Lieutenant F. S. Blaszik, Chief of Detectives of the 7th Precinct Station, Detroit Police Department, was contacted and arrangements were made for him to identify Pete Mason in the event he appeared at the Chene-Trombley Recreation Hall on Monday evening, March 8, 1937, as it was Mason's habit to come to that hall on Monday evenings to watch members of the Detroit Police Department bowl. It was pointed out to Lieutenant Blaszik that Mason should not know that he was being identified.

Special Agent George F. Bickley and the writer arrived at the Chene-Trombley Recreation Hall at 9:00 P.M. on March 8, 1937, prior to the arrival of Mason. Lieutenant Blaszik was discreetly contacted and stated that although Pete Mason had not arrived as yet, a friend of his (Mason's) was there who knew his present address and his true name, but that this individual would advise Mason of the interview. This man was pointed out and Agents were advised that his name was Mike Owczarczak. Mike Owczarczak was rather closely observed and it was determined that he in no way resembles Benson Groves or any individuals wanted in connection with the instant investigation.

The individual later pointed out by Lieutenant Blaszik as being Pete Mason arrived at the bowling alley about 9:45 P.M. and is described as follows:

Age	60 years
Height	5 feet 9 inches
Weight	160 pounds
Hair	Dark brown
Ears	Large and protruding
Eyeglasses	Wore black horn-rimmed, thick-lensed glasses worn slightly out on the nose
Dress	Wore dark gray hat, oxford gray topcoat, brown trousers, brown shirt and red tie.

Lieutenant Blaszik identified Mason by a nod at a time when Mason was not looking and from that time until about 10:30 P.M. Mason was observed as he moved from one per-

son to another, apparently panhandling. He was given cigarettes and matches during this time. The remainder of his activity was confined to watching Lieutenant Blaszik and various police officers bowl.

The person identified as Pete Mason by Lieutenant Blaszik greatly resembles the photograph in the possession of this Division of Pete Mason alias "Soup House Pete", who in the photograph is wearing a high starched collar, and inasmuch as he checked in detail with the description available and is known by Lieutenant Blaszik as "Soup House Pete", whose criminal record is known to be that of Mason, thought to be associated with Benson Groves, they appeared to be one and the same individual.

At 10:30 P.M. Mason got up to leave. He left through a centrally located door which is used for egress and ingress to the Chene-Trombley Night Club, which is run in connection with the bowling alley. In getting to the outside door he had to pass through a milling crowd assembled in this small passage way. When Mason reached the sidewalk he was accompanied by Mike Owczarczak, who had been pointed out to Agents by Lieutenant Blaszik prior to Mason's arrival at the bowling hall. Agents proceeded to follow them at a distance of approximately one hundred to one hundred and fifty feet in the rear and on the opposite side of the street, inasmuch as Lieutenant Blaszik had previously advised that Mason lived somewhere in the neighborhood and was without any means of transportation; therefore, it appeared advisable to follow them on foot.

When Mason and Owczarczak reached Piquette Street, the next block south from the bowling alley, they entered a blue 1937 Ford Tudor and drove east on Chene Street. The writer returned to procure his automobile and Agent Bickley obtained the license number of the automobile in which the two men drove off which was U-19252. The Ford Tudor turned south at the corner of Chene and Piquette Streets and as it crossed an intersection was lost from view. Agents proceeded in the direction in which the automobile had apparently gone and at 11:30 P.M. it was again seen in front of 4809 Chene Street, unoccupied at the time. A surveillance of this automobile was made until it appeared certain that the car was parked on the street for the night as is the custom in this section of Detroit.

The building located at 4809 Chene Street is an office building and the entrance to this number is the fourth from the corner of Chene and Hancock Streets. No lights or activity were evident when Agents arrived.

On the morning of March 9, 1937, the branch manager of the Gratiot Branch of the Department of State, Mr. R. Ben Wreford, 11803 Gratiot Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, was contacted and it was ascertained that 1937 Michigan license number U-19259 had been issued on March 8, 1937, to Anna Owczarczak, 13805 Park Grove Avenue, Detroit, Michigan; that the car to which this license was issued was a 1937, 74 Model, Standard Ford Tudor, which had been sold by the Ginsberg Motor Sales, 12543 Gratiot Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, on March 8, 1937, and further that the car was financed by the Lincoln Investment Company, Detroit, who hold a chattel mortgage of \$520.20.

The 1936 Detroit City Directory discloses that 13805 Park Grove Avenue is the residence of Michael Owczarczak and that Elsie Owczarczak also resides at this address. For future information it should also be noted that the directory also listed one Henry Owczarczak, 3812 Chene Street and a Charles Jack Owczarczak, a policeman, 6092 Northfield Avenue, Detroit.

It was thought inadvisable at this time to contact the Ginsberg Motor Sales or the Lincoln Investment Company.

Robert Moody, Postal Carrier, Harper Post Office Branch Station, who delivers mail to 13805 Park Grove Avenue in Detroit was interviewed for the purpose of obtaining information concerning the residents at the above address. He stated that an elderly couple lived at that address and that there was one son thirty years of age and three small boys whose ages ranged from seven to eleven years. He stated he also had noticed three girls around the house previously but that he had not seen them for some time. He stated that the name of the elderly couple had been spelled several different ways on mail delivered to them and advised that the spellings he had noticed were Owczarczak, Olzark and Ozark. Moody stated that he would be quite willing to make inquiry at 13805 Park Grove Avenue on a pretext to determine who the occupants were at the present time. Accordingly, Mr. Moody made inquiries at this residence and later advised Agent that he had questioned Mrs. Owczarczak and had as-

certained that her first name was Anna and that her husband's first name was Michael. Moody further stated that Mrs. Owczarczak advised him that the only persons living at that address at the present time were her husband, herself and their four sons. She added that formerly her three daughters had lived with her at this address but that they were now married and had homes of their own. Mr. Moody stated that no forwarding addresses were left by the daughters when they moved and that he had never seen the men whom they married nor had he seen any strangers at that address.

Lieutenant Blaszik was contacted on March 9, 1937, and stated that when he saw Mason and Mike Owczarczak leave together that he imagined that Owczarczak felt sorry for Mason and that he was probably taking him home as all the men on the police force in the Chene neighborhood tried to help him out as they believed he was going straight.

During the period from March 4 - 7, 1937, surveillance was maintained each evening at the Chene-Trombley Recreation Hall at the two bowling alleys there; at the pool halls located near Chene and Milwaukee; and at 4709 Chene Street, the Crosstown Cafe, without results. Surveillance was maintained during the day at 13805 Park Grove Avenue, but at no time was Pete Mason observed.

Special Agent Warren J. Taylor made inquiry at the Michigan State Prison, Jackson, Michigan, regarding relatives or correspondence records of John Mason alias Peter Wrzesinski, Michigan State Prison, Jackson, Michigan, number 9059, who was received at that institution on November 20, 1909. It was ascertained that Mason had corresponded with his father, Matthew Wrzesinski, 580 East Hancock Street, Detroit.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Maurice W. Acers:

In the library of the R. L. Polk and Company, the Detroit City Directories from 1909 through 1936 were examined. The 1909 directory disclosed a Matthew Wrzesinski residing at 580 East Hancock Street and continued to carry this name and address through 1917. In 1918, the directory reflected a Josephine Wrzesinski, widow of Matthew, residing at 580 East

Hancock Street. From 1919 to 1936 no Wrzesinskis were listed at this address. It is to be noted, however, that in 1920 the addresses in the City of Detroit were changed. Reference to the translating directory reflected that 580 East Hancock was, under the new numerical system, 1988 East Hancock Street. The 1936 directory disclosed that this property is owned by Edward Maciejewski, laborer, and that this individual's wife's name was Hedwig.

It was assumed that the mother of Peter Wrzesinski alias Pete Mason died subsequent to 1918 since her name does not appear after that year. Therefore, the death records of Wayne County were checked starting with the year 1918. It was ascertained that Josephine Wrzesinski, listed as number 6462, died on June 15, 1933. The records further indicated that she was the widow of Matthew Wrzesinski and that the informant of her death was Hedwig Maciejewski, 1988 East Hancock Street.

With this date of death it was possible to check the Wayne County Probate records for the purpose of locating any estate left by Josephine Wrzesinski to assist in locating Peter Wrzesinski alias Pete Mason. It was ascertained that on June 20, 1933, a will was presented for probate in the court of Judge Edward Command under probate number 18902; that the proponent of the will was Hedwig Maciejewski and that on October 10, 1934, she was appointed executrix of the estate. Service of notice was accepted by Peter Wrzesinski, Frances Budzyla and Rose Lubanska. Under the terms of this will Mrs. Hedwig Maciejewski (sister of Peter Wrzesinski alias Pete Mason) received the property located at 1988 East Hancock Street; another sister of Peter Wrzesinski, Rose Lubanska, received \$100.00, and another sister, Frances Budzyla, received \$100.00 and Peter Wrzesinski received \$25.00. In addition to Hedwig Maciejewski, who is located at 1988 East Hancock Street, Peter Wrzesinski's other sisters are listed in the Detroit City Directory as Rose Lubanska, wife of Harry J. Lubanska who is described as a salesman for the Detroit City Ice and Fuel Company, 11416 Gallagher Avenue, and Frances Budzyla, wife of Boleslaw Budzyla, laborer, 3216 Belmont Avenue, Detroit.

Postal Carrier, B. J. Hoffner, number 764, Gratiot Station, Detroit, Michigan, Post Office, was interviewed, at which time he stated that he had delivered mail to the address 1988 East Hancock and vicinity for the past several years and

that he knew it to be a three family house, but that he does not know whether any roomers stayed there or not. He further advised that he did not know the names of the parties who resided there other than Edward Maciezewski, whom he described as fifty years of age, five feet nine inches in height and weighing one hundred and sixty pounds. He stated that Maciezewski did not wear glasses and that he did not know the color of his hair inasmuch as he constantly wore a cap. He stated, however, that he had not seen this individual since June, 1936, when it was necessary for him to sign for the soldier's bonus. Mrs. Hedwig Maciejewski was described as being very tall -- around five feet nine inches -- weighing one hundred and sixty pounds, with reddish black hair and a sallow complexion, and with no speech accent. He stated that there were no rooming houses to his knowledge in the neighborhood within two blocks in both directions from 1988 East Hancock. He further advised that he has seen no one with glasses at this address and that he did not recognize the photograph of Peter Wrzesinski alias Pete Mason which was exhibited to him. He was questioned in detail as to whether there was drinking or carousing in this neighborhood and stated that since prohibition this neighborhood has been extremely quiet. No out of state automobiles had been seen by Hoffner. For future information it should be noted that Hoffner will be of little assistance inasmuch as he appears unobservant and lacking in intelligence.

Pursuant to the request set forth in the report of reference of Special Agent E. J. Wynn dated March 20, 1937, at Cleveland, Ohio, a detailed check of the marriage records of Wayne County, Michigan, was made covering the periods of March 17, 1935 to March 19, 1937, under the name Benson Groves and the following aliases of this individual:

George Wilson	Benjamin G. Grayson
"Soup"	Ben Grayson
Burns Garby	Benson E. Groves
Benjamin Grayson	B. J. Greyson
Benson Graves	Burns Corby
"Soup" Groves	B. G. Grayson

However, this check produced negative results. The records of the Veterans' Administration which cover the entire State of Michigan were checked by Mr. Ed. Booza at Detroit, Michigan, for any application for compensation, hospitalization or bonus

made under the names of Peter Wrzesinski or Peter Mason, with negative results.

From the files of the Identification Division of the Detroit Police Department two additional photographs of Peter Wrzesinski alias Pete Mason were obtained. One of these photographs was apparently taken at the time his Bertillon measurements were taken on June 23, 1921, at the Ohio Penitentiary, Columbus, Ohio. The other photograph bears no notation as to the department which took it but bears the name of John Mason, #246 and a penned note thereon reads, "Our number 2175" and also bears the aliases "Peter the Leg" and "Soup House Pete". Copies of these photographs are being maintained in the files of the Detroit Field Division.

The records of the Detroit Police Department which contain an index card system of all licensed rooming house operators who accept transient trade were checked with negative results.

Surveillance of 1988 East Hancock Street and the Chene-Trombley Recreation Hall is being continued looking toward the location of Benson Groves through the location and surveillance of Peter Wrzesinski.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The CINCINNATI FIELD DIVISION at Columbus, Ohio, at the Ohio State Penitentiary will check the correspondence record of Peter Wrzesinski alias Pete Mason who was received at that institution on June 23, 1921 as John Peter Mason, number 49725, for any pertinent information which might lead to his location in Detroit, Michigan, where he is thought to be residing at the present time.

The DETROIT FIELD DIVISION at Detroit, Michigan, will continue surveillance of 1988 East Hancock Street, looking towards the location of Benson Groves and determining the whereabouts of Peter Wrzesinski. If surveillance of 1988 East Hancock is unproductive will make inquiry through postal carriers and police precinct officers to determine whether Peter Wrzesinski is presently residing at the home of Rose Lubanska, 11416 Gallagher Avenue, or Frances Budzyla, 3216 Belmont Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

Will through arrangements with the Wayne Probate Authorities have a letter prepared and sent to Hedwig Maciejewski, 1988 East Hancock Street, who is the executrix of the Wrzesinski estate, requesting the present location of all legatees on some pretext inasmuch as Peter Wrzesinski is a beneficiary under his mother's will and in this manner his present whereabouts may be disclosed.

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903 Pacific Commerce Building
437 South Hill Street
Los Angeles, California
March 25, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:-

Re: BREKID

Reference is made to the teletype from the Los Angeles Field Division to the St. Paul Field Division dated March 22, 1937.

On March 22, 1937, ROBERT W. STEWART, employed by the Los Angeles Flood Control Project, Room 416, 8th and Figueroa Building, Los Angeles, telephoned the Los Angeles Division and requested an interview regarding a kidnaping case. Stewart furnished the following information to Special Agent Lish Whiteon:-

For some time he had been keeping company with a woman named "BETTY", whose full name he did not wish to disclose because he did not want her mixed up in any case, and who had a grown son starting the profession of dentistry in Boston, Massachusetts. Betty also has a sister named MRS. BEACH in Chicago, which sister is acquainted with BELLE BORN and had been acquainted with KATE BARKER. Through Mrs. Beach, Betty had met Belle Born many years ago. Belle Born came out to Los Angeles on about December 1, 1936, and is presently living at 746 South Coronado Street, Apartment #402, telephone Federal 8240. For some time she received mail at Betty's address in Santa Ana, California. Recently she tried to prevail upon Betty to quit Stewart and go back East with her where she could be guaranteed plenty of money. Stewart then began making inquiries of Betty regarding Belle and found that Belle had been a member of, or had been intimate with members of, the Barker-Karpis gang. He obtained the information over the week-end and reported the facts to the Los Angeles Division at his first opportunity.

Stewart stated that Belle Born had been receiving mail from St. Paul, Minn., and from time to time had received a large amount of currency from there. In the past few weeks, she has been receiving air mail letters, with enclosures, to forward to some other point. Belle Born has told Betty that she could be reached at any time by addressing mail to 4109 Columbus, St. Paul, Minnesota (this undoubtedly refers to the Davenport residence). She has also received mail from one COUNT VIOTO from a town called Hurley, or Harley, in Minnesota or Wisconsin. She has also received mail from one "BLANCHE" and one KAVANAUGH.

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Stewart does not know who her connections are out here except people she has met through Betty and himself, but that on one occasion she had a dinner with "some wealthy friends of hers from the East." She always has plenty of money to spend and does not keep a bank account. From remarks she has made to Betty, she is apparently planning to leave for the East in the near future via El Paso, Texas.

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Stewart stated that last summer Betty went east to Boston to visit her son, and on the way back to Los Angeles picked up an automobile for him, Stewart, in Detroit. Reaching Chicago, Betty visited with her sister, Mrs. Beach, and picked up Belle Born in Chicago, driving her as far as Cedar Rapids, Iowa, from which point Belle took an airplane to St. Paul.

Stewart stated that his residence was also at 745 South Coronado Street, Los Angeles, and that he occupies Apt. #506; and that he would furnish the Bureau with any information concerning Belle Born that came to his attention.

If further investigation is desired by the division of origin concerning Belle Born's activities or contacts in Los Angeles, it is requested that such request be furnished in the near future because of Belle's apparent plans for travel.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON,
Special Agent in Charge.

LW:RS

cc Bureau
Cincinnati
Chicago

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-63

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 3-25-37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-15-37; 3-11-37; 3-15, 16-37	REPORT MADE BY R. P. BURRUS
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE; I. O. 1232; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: No record of a trial of George Gordon Rorke in the District of Columbia located in the office of the U. S. Attorney for the District of Columbia covering the period from 1919 to 1923. The files of the Bureau of Customs, Treasury Department, contained nothing relative to Thompson machine gun #950. There is a letter from the Assistant Attorney General to the Secretary of the Treasury, dated December 29, 1924, advising that on October 18, 1921, filed claim to 495 Thompson machine guns seized on boat SS EASTSIDE and had filed exception to the libel, and inquiring whether the Treasury Department had any objection to the discontinuance of the libel and the restoration of the arms to the claimant. Treasury Department replied to effect it would raise no objection to the discontinuance of the libel proceedings and the restoration of the seized arms.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P</p> <p>REFERENCE: Bureau letter of December 11, 1936, to the New York Division, and Bureau letter of January 12, 1937.</p> <p>DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.</p> <p>Assistant United States Attorney ROGER ROBB and JOHN C. CONLIFF, clerk in the office of the United States Attorney, searched the Court records and the Court docket and were unable to find any record of a trial of George Gordon Rorke in the District of Columbia, their search covering the period from 1919 to 1923.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Guy Hottel</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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[REDACTED] Files and Records Section, Bureau of Customs, Treasury Department, Room 638, Washington Building, located a file pertaining to the seizure of 495 Thompson machine guns by Customs officials of the Port of New York from the SS EASTSIDE at Pier 2, Hoboken, New Jersey, on or about June 15, 1921. An examination was made of this file and the only information pertinent to the subject matter found on record was a letter dated December 29, 1924, to the Secretary of the Treasury (Division of Customs), signed by William J. Donovan, then Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, which referred to file JFS-HBC.JFS; 52-505, which reads as follows:

"On June 12, 1921, 495 Thompson machine guns were loaded aboard the SS EASTSIDE, at Pier 22, Hoboken, New Jersey, believed to be destined for Ireland. The arms were seized by Customs officers and libelled under Sections 1 and 6, T. VI, of the Espionage Act. On October 18, 1921, [REDACTED] filed claim to the guns and subsequently filed exceptions to the libel. Nothing further has been done in connection with the case. A petition has now been filed with this department asking that the case be dismissed and an order for the restoration of the property entered. Please advise this department at your earliest convenience whether your department has any interest in this case or any objection to the discontinuance of the libel and the restoration of the arms to the claimant."

By letter dated January 13, 1925, McKenzie Moss, then Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, replied to the Attorney General's letter as follows:

"I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo (JFS-HBC.JFS; 52-505) regarding 495 Thompson machine guns believed destined for Ireland; seized by Customs officers from the SS EASTSIDE, of Pier 22, Hoboken, New Jersey, and libelled under Sections 1 and 6, T. VI, of the Espionage Act. It is noted that on October 18, 1921, [REDACTED] filed claim to the guns and later filed exceptions to the libel. No further action was taken in connection with the case. A petition has now been filed with your department asking that the case be dismissed and an order for the restoration of the guns entered. You request advice whether

or not this department has any further interest in the case or any objection to the discontinuance of the libel and the restoration of the arms to the claimant. If, in the opinion of your department this is a case in which the claimant is entitled to the relief sought, this department will raise no objection to the discontinuance of the libel proceedings and the restoration of the seized guns".

The files of the Bureau of Customs, Treasury Department, contained nothing relative to Thompson machine gun #950.

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1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
MARCH 24, 1937

Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

At the time of the arrest of El Davis in Los Angeles, California, he had in his possession a .45 calibre Automatic Pistol, number C-163426, which inquiry has disclosed was shipped by the Colt's Patent Arms Manufacturing Company August 1, 1932, to Richards and Conover, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

The Warden of the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, is desirous of ascertaining to whom Richards and Conover sold this pistol, and has requested the assistance of this Field Division in obtaining this information.

We are frequently called upon to conduct investigations at the Kansas State Penitentiary and, as a matter of cooperation, I shall thank you to contact Richards and Conover, obtain this information and furnish us therewith.

It is the theory of the Warden of the Kansas State Penitentiary, at Lansing, that one Marion Pike, an Oklahoma product and who is alleged to have served time at the McAlester Penitentiary as number 18224, was perhaps responsible for the bringing in of certain firearms prior to the escape of eleven prisoners there on May 30, 1935. The warden desires a photograph and description of Marion Pike. If you have one in your office it is kindly requested that you furnish us with one. If not, kindly obtain same from the penitentiary at McAlester.

Very truly yours,

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DNIGHT BRANTLEY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

DB:os
cc - Bureau

NO PREVIOUS RECORDS
ED AS LISTED S. P. L.

7-576-13861

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

EPC:ON

March 23, 1937.

Time 9:50 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN.

Re: Dr. Moran.

Mr. Nathan	
Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Baughman	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Dewey	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Foxworth	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Miss Gandy	

Mr. MacFarland telephoned from Cleveland and stated that they had just disinterred the body of an unknown deceased at Toledo which is being investigated upon the possibility that the cadaver might be that of Dr. Moran. He stated that the body was in an advanced state of putrefaction but they were removing the clothing with a view to preserving and investigating it. He said that there seemed to be some slight possibility of fingerprints from the right hand although it was in pretty bad shape and he asked for instructions as to the manner of obtaining the fingerprints.

I suggested that he have the right hand placed in formaldehyde and shipped to the Bureau where efforts would be made to decipher the fingerprints. I also suggested that he keep in mind the possibility of dental structure identification which he said he would. I also asked him to wire us when the specimen was being shipped.

Respectfully,

E. P. Coffey.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1300 Biscayne Building
Miami, Florida

File:rd
7-24

March 29, 1937

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the communication addressed to the Bureau by the Cleveland Field Division, March 25, 1937, containing information with respect to statements made by Joseph Roscoe that he was mistreated while being detained at the Miami Field Division.

Among other things it is noted that Roscoe claims to have been chained to radiators. For the Bureau's information, it is stated that Roscoe was in no wise mistreated at the Miami Field Division. He was not even handcuffed by Special Agents E. L. Clee and Gilbert S. Goshorn when he was brought to this office and he was not handcuffed at any time during the period of his confinement until he was turned over to the United States Marshal at this office, who handcuffed him before taking him out of the office. As a matter of further information it is stated that there are no radiators in this building and if the defendant should testify that he was chained to radiators, then he should be questioned for the minute details as to the manner in which he was chained so that he would then be subject to prosecution for perjury.

I am attaching hereto and to the copy of this letter to the Cleveland Field Division, a copy of the log maintained at this Division during the time Roscoe was being detained.

Very truly yours,

R. L. SHIVERS

Special Agent in Charge

CC: Cleveland -
Personal and Confidential.

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L O G - ROSCOE

1/23/37.

11:30 A.M. Picked up
12:15 P.M. To office - G. S. Goshorn
1:15-3:30 P.M. Questioning by S. K. McKee-Emmett Jones
3:30-5:15 P.M. " " "
5:15 P.M. Waiver signed
5:15-5:30 R. L. Shivers - S. K. McKee
5:15 P.M. G. S. Goshorn
6:30 P.M. Taken to toilet
6:45 P.M. Given copy of Miami Herald (morning paper) of
1/23/37 to read
7:15 P.M. Furnished with cuspidor
7:45 P.M. Goshorn off
7:45 P.M. Noonan-McKee on
Supper - Steak, mushroom sauce, fr.fr.potatoes,
head lettuce, rolls, tea, ice cream, cake roll. R.T.N.
11:00 P.M. Prints taken by McKee
11:20 P.M. McKee-Noonan off
11:20 P.M. Goshorn-Going on
11:25 P.M. Furnished him with "Mail Pouch" chewing tobacco.
11:45 P.M. To bed - Given Miami Daily News to read.

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7:30 AM Taken to toilet
8:00 AM Untreiner on
8:15 A.M. Breakfast - toast & coffee
8:15 A.M. Stone on
8:20 AM Going and Goshorn out
9:00 AM SAC Shivers telephoned - Said could take Joe
downstairs to office. RJU.
9:10 AM To office with Joe. RJU.
10:30 AM McKee relieved Stone temporarily
10:30-12-55 SAC Shivers and Untreiner alternately with him.
12:55 PM SAC Shivers asked him if he would have anything to eat
and suggested several things - He said not hungry and
refused anything.
2:30 PM Stone on - Shivers & Untreiner to lunch.
2:55 Joe given ham sandwich and buttermilk after again
refusing full meal.
3:15 PM McKee relieved Stone
3:40 PM Stone relieved McKee
4:45 PM (Goshorn on) SAC Shivers instructed Agent to lock
Joe up in the detention room. This done. FMS.
4:45 Joe requested a magazine to read.

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4:50 PM 1 Colliers & 1 Post given to Joe
 6:00 PM Untreiner on. FMS.
 6:00 PM Noonan on. Stone & Goshorn off. RJU.
 6:35 Dinner - Soup, Fish, Potatoes, Beans, Bread & Butter,
 Hot tea - Sherbert. GSG.
 6:46 To toilet. RJU.
 10:45 PM Light turned out in detention room so J.R. could sleep.

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7:40 To toilet
 8:10 Toast & Coffee & Miami Herald - Goshorn on
 8:20 Noonan - Untreiner off.
 9:00 McKee on
 9:15 Shave - wash - changed clothes fully.
 9:45 Questioning continued
 10:55 Given package Mail Pouch tobacco. GSG.
 12:15 PM Goshorn on relieving E.E.Jones, who had been on briefly.
 1:05 PM McKee on
 2:10 PM Farrell in - McKee out
 2:30 PM To toilet
 3:45 Telephone man in
 3:50 Telephone man out
 4:00 Telephone man in
 4:03 Telephone man out
 5:35 PM Noonan on - Farrell off.
 6:00 PM Farrell returned
 6:15 PM Untreiner on while Farrell attends to hotel
 reservation and Noonan eats. RJU.
 7:20 PM Farrell on. Untreiner off.
 7:30 Noonan on
 7:40 Noonan out to order supper for Joe - Noonan in
 8:00 Joe had supper - Roast beef, potatoes, beans, bread,
 butter, tea, pie. Did not drink his soup, saying he
 did not like it. Supper brought in by Noonan.
 9:00 Joe to bed.

1/26/37

6:50 AM Joe awakened - and to toilet
 8:30 AM Noonan out to get breakfast for Joe
 8:45 AM SA Dunne & Stone in
 9:00 Noonan in with breakfast for Joe - toast & coffee,
 tobacco.
 9:15 Farrell out; Noonan out.
 9:30 SA Wynn & McKee taking Joe to office
 1:00-1:20 Lunch - Ham sandwich & glass buttermilk
 5:50 Turned over to Deputy U.S. Marshal Edwards by McKee.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

PEF:DM

March 22, 1937.

Time:
4:00 P. M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

advised
Mr. G. O. Holdridge, U. S. Fidelity and Guaranty Company, Baltimore, Maryland, a former Special Agent of this Bureau, called concerning Joe Roscoe, who is involved in the investigation of the Karpis gang. Mr. Holdridge stated that he wanted to submit some documents and also a certain program to the Director for his approval or disapproval; that these documents and the program which he desired to submit, would have a very important bearing upon the future course of action in the case against Roscoe.

Do not forget
I endeavored to ascertain from Mr. Holdridge the nature of the documents which he wanted to submit and also something about the program concerning which he wanted to advise the Director. He stated he was an old acquaintance of the Director, favorable he thought, had worked in the Department, and he knew it would be impossible for anyone other than the Director to pass upon or to comment upon the matter which he wished to discuss and for that reason he preferred not to furnish the information. I told him I had no idea whatever as to the Director's commitments; that, however, I would have his secretary inform Mr. Hoover of his request and that he would thereafter be advised if it would be possible for the Director to see him. He may be reached at Baltimore, Maryland, through Plaza 0380, Extension 80, until 5:30. After that time he will be at his home, Tuxedo 3821. I advised Miss Gandy of the above call.

Respectfully,

P. E. Foxworth
P. E. Foxworth.

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4:35 P. M. Mr. Holdridge was advised that Mr. Hoover will see him at 3:00 P. M. tomorrow, March 23, 1937.

EAT:TMF

March 24, 1937

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7-576-10007

Mr. G. O. Holdridge,
c/o U. S. Fidelity and Guaranty Company,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Mr. Holdridge:

Apropos of our discussion yesterday concerning Joseph Roscoe, I am attaching hereto a copy of a photograph of Joseph Roscoe, which bears the name Joseph Vedo, a known alias of Roscoe. I am also attaching hereto for your information a copy of the criminal record of Roscoe.

For your further information upon this subject, you are advised that the following is a description of Joseph Roscoe:

Age -	43 years (born August 26, 1889 at Genoa, Italy)
Height -	5'8"
Weight -	200 pounds
Build -	Heavy
Eyes -	Blue
Hair -	black - wavy

I appreciate your courtesy in calling upon me concerning this matter.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure #863743

404 New York Building,
St. Paul, Minnesot .
March 29, 1937.

7-30

Special Agent in Charge,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

BREKID

Reference is being made to your teletype to this
Division dated March 22, 1937, concerning the activities
of Belle Born.

A review of the file does not reflect that Belle
Born is wanted for questioning or that her activities should
be watched. The address 4109 Columbus St., St. Paul, Minn.,
should be 4109 Columbus St. in Minneapolis. This address is
that of Jack Davenport and the Blanche mentioned is Daven-
port's wife. Review of the file reflects no information as
to Count Vito Kavanaugh or Betty.

In view of Belle Born's connection with both the
Brekid and Hanap Cases was through her association with
Fitzgerald who has been sentenced to Alcatraz, no further
action need be taken in regard to her.

For your information, the St. Paul Division receiv-
ed a letter from Hon. George F. Sullivan, United States
Attorney, dated March 16, 1937, which submits the outstanding
indictments in both the Brekid and Hanap cases to the Attorney
General for disposition.

Very truly yours,

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E. P. GUINANE,
Special Agent in Charge.

EHV:SEC
cc-Bureau
Cincinnati

7-571-13870

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

MCS:RP

March 18, 1937

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. Tamm

On March 17, 1937, at 3 P. M., Mr. Norman J. Morrison, an attorney with an office in the Union Trust Company, Washington, D. C., called at my office for interview. Mr. Morrison informed that he had previously been an attorney with the Department of Justice.

Mr. Morrison stated that his client, Martin Wunderlich, about July 1935 lost \$200,000 in a confidence scheme to one Layton. Wunderlich claimed this loss as a deduction in his income tax return for that year and the Intelligence Unit of the Internal Revenue Bureau is now investigating Wunderlich's return. Wunderlich intends to make an affidavit relative to this loss and Mr. Morrison informed that he is endeavoring to obtain some corroboration of Wunderlich's loss. Mr. Morrison advised that Wunderlich told him that Layton had been picked up and questioned by the Chicago Division of this Bureau and according to information furnished to Mr. Wunderlich by the Chicago Agents, Layton admitted that he had obtained this money from Wunderlich in a confidence scheme. Mr. Morrison added that according to Wunderlich Layton was apparently released without any Federal prosecution.

Mr. Morrison stated that he had talked to Wunderlich by telephone the previous evening and Wunderlich told him that he had called upon the Chicago Division of this Bureau in an endeavor to obtain information to corroborate his claim concerning this loss and the Chicago Division would not furnish him any information. Accordingly, Mr. Morrison called at my office, thinking first that he might be able to get a copy of Layton's statement. I told him that that procedure would undoubtedly be impossible, and he informed me that it would be satisfactory if the Bureau would address a letter to him indicating that its files reflected that an individual questioned by the Bureau had admitted obtaining \$200,000 from Wunderlich in a confidence scheme. Mr. Morrison further stated that it would be satisfactory if the Bureau could see fit to furnish the information desired in a letter to the Internal Revenue Bureau in order that that Bureau might consider the information in the Bureau's files with reference to Wunderlich's claim.

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I recall that during the Bremer case there was an investigation concerning this loss by Martin Wunderlich. Mr. Morrison did not recall the first name of Layton, but said he could obtain the same from Wunderlich and advise the Bureau. Mr. Morrison intends to get in touch with the Bureau later to ascertain if it is possible for the desired information to be brought to the attention of the Internal Revenue Bureau in any manner.

Respectfully,

M. C. Spear.

Alterie Death Gun Linked to Redwood Case

The telescope rifle with which "Two-Gun Louie" Alterie was shot to death in Chicago, July 18, 1935, has been linked with Moe (Lueger Mike) Saraga, eastern gangland armorer, who today was held without bail in Hackensack, N. J., in connection with the assassination of Norman Redwood, New York,

"sandhog" czar.

Saraga was arrested as he stepped from the liner Queen Mary to a New York dock after returning from Europe. He is said to have admitted that he sold one of the pistols with which Redwood was killed.

The easterner's supposed connection with the Alterie killing here was established by Joseph C. Willimovsky Jr., firearms expert for the coroner's office. The rifle with which Alterie was slain was fired



Louis Alterie

as the Chicago gangster walked from his apartment at 926 Eastwood ave. The assassin had been concealed in a flat across the street at 927 Eastwood ave. The rifle was abandoned there. Willimovsky said today he has succeeded in tracing sale of the weapon to Saraga.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

MCS:LL

March 26, 1937

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. Tamm

With further reference to my memorandum to you of March 18, 1937, concerning my interview with Mr. Norman J. Morrison, attorney, Union Trust Company, Washington, D. C., (original memorandum attached hereto), pursuant to Mr. Foxworth's instructions, I communicated with Mr. Morrison by telephone on March 26, 1937. I suggested to Mr. Morrison that in the event the Bureau of Internal Revenue desired to obtain information from the files of this Bureau to corroborate Martin Wunderlich's claim that he had lost \$200,000.00 in a confidence game, the Bureau of Internal Revenue should make request upon this Bureau for the desired information. Mr. Morrison informed he did not know for sure whether such cooperation would be necessary but, as the investigation progressed, if he found such was necessary, he would suggest that the Bureau of Internal Revenue get in touch with this Bureau.

In the event it becomes necessary to obtain this information for the Internal Revenue Bureau, attention is directed to the Chicago report dated May 19, 1936, in the Brekid file, No. 7-576, Serial No. 11710, wherein is recorded an interview with Charles O. Long, Long having admitted that he assisted William E. Meade in swindling Wunderlich.

Respectfully,

M. C. Spear.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 812

Chicago Illinois

March 28, 1936

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated March 24, 1936, requesting that the original signed statements of Wynona Burdette dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, January 18, 1936, and Dolores Delaney dated January 22, 1936, be forwarded to the Bureau.

I am enclosing herewith the original copy of the signed statement of Dolores Delaney dated January 22, 1936, and a carbon copy of statement of Wynona Burdette dated January 18, 1936, signed by her on each page, and original corrections made in her handwriting.

In connection with the investigation suggested by the Bureau to search the Chicago newspapers from September 1, 1934 to January 15, 1935 for articles appearing therein in connection with the Barker-Karpis gang, such search is presently being conducted, but because of the numerous editions of the Chicago newspapers it will probably take three or four days to complete this search. The results thereof will be forwarded to the Bureau and Jacksonville offices immediately for use in the prosecutive action pending against Joseph Adams and Duke Randall in Florida.

Very truly yours,

REGISTERED MAIL

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D. M. Ladd
D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

cc Cleveland; Jacksonville
Cincinnati; St. Paul

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March 31, 1937.

Memo for Mr. Tamm.

Re; Joe Adams Trial.

This will inform you that in keeping with your suggestion, and at 4:00 p.m. on March 27, 1937, I telephonically called Mr. Shivers, SAC, Miami, Fla. I told him that the Bureau is desirous of obtaining a floor plan of the El Comodoro Hotel, with the particular thought in mind of being able to show that the '04 and '05 rooms which were occupied by the Karpis-Barker gang were on the fire escapes. I told him that it might be possible to obtain such plans from the fire department or the police department in Miami --- and in the event that this proved unsuccessful it might be possible to get the plans from the contractor who built the building.

Mr. Shivers said that he would take care of this matter during the week of March 29, 1937, and as soon as the plans had been obtained would forward them to the Bureau.

I asked him whether he had any contacts which would enable him to obtain photographs of the rear of the Hotel, showing the fire escapes, and their location with respect to the location of the rooms. He said he would be able to get such photos and would forward them to the Bureau this week.

K.R. McIntire.

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1443 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

March 30, 1937

Special Agent in Charge,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Re: ⁰PREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent Eugene X. Humphrey, dated at Indianapolis, Indiana March 27, 1937, reflecting the desire of the Indianapolis Field Division to obtain a photograph of "Turk" Brennan.

Enclosed is a photograph of "Turk" Brennan, with a complete description on the reverse side.

Very truly yours,

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Cincinnati

J. P. MAC FARLAND,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1300 Biscayne Building
Miami, Florida

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March 31, 1937

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

PERSONAL and CONFIDENTIAL

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the telephone conversation between the writer and Mr. McIntyre of the Bureau, on Saturday, March 27, 1937, who requested that the floor plans of the El Comodoro Hotel be secured if possible and transmitted to the Bureau for the information of the Special Assistant to the Attorney General in charge of the prosecution of this case.

This is to advise that there is no floor plan of this building available in the City of Miami, the original plans and those furnished the Building Department of the City of Miami as well as the Hotel Association of the State of Florida, having been destroyed in the 1926 hurricane.

It seems, therefore, that in order to get a floor plan of this building, it will be necessary to have an Agent register there as a guest for that purpose. In this connection I am transmitting herewith three photographs of the rear of the hotel which, as you will note, show the location of the fire escapes.

Very truly yours,

R. L. Shivers
R. L. SHIVERS

Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
March 29, 1937

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George L. Watkins,
Postmaster,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dear Sirs

RE: BREKID

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this Bureau, it is desired that a thirty day cover be placed on all mail addressed to Grover H. ~~Ready~~, 250 Tyler, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

In forwarding tracings to this Field Division, please refer to our file 7-26.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

C. W. STEIN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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JUSTICE

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Franciscan Monastery
PATERSON, NEW JERSEY

March 30 ' 37.

Mt. ALVERNO RETREAT,
WARWICK, NEW YORK.

Dear Dr. Hoover:

I read an article in a magazine recently about crime and now I regret that I cannot find it for reference. I am positive that it said that Alvin Karpis will be eligible for parole at the end of fifteen years in prison.

I cannot understand that. If he received a life sentence does it mean just that? Is he eligible for parole after fifteen years in prison if his conduct is good?

How can that be, considering the nature and extent of his crimes, the expense to the government and the long search for him before your men nabbed him and put him away?

The article also said that he boasted in prison that he has a large amount of money safely hidden away for future use when he is released on parole. I would like to know if such a dangerous criminal is going to be turned loose on society after fifteen years. **RECORDED & INDEXED**

Sincerely yours,

Fr. Kelly
Fr. Kelly.

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April 5, 1937.

Reverend Columban F. Kelly, O. F. M.,
Mt. Alverno Retreat,
Warwick, New York.

Dear Father Kelly:

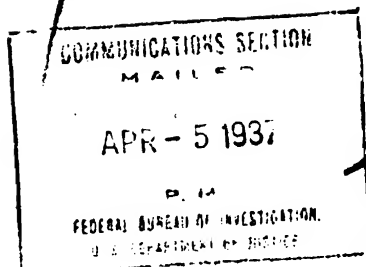
Your letter of March 30, 1937, has been received, in which you make inquiry as to the possibility of a person's being paroled following a sentence to life imprisonment.

The present law provides that any prisoner sent to a Federal Penitentiary for life may be paroled by the appropriate Parole Board after having served fifteen years of his sentence.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



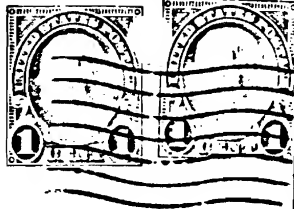


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MR. J. Edgar Hoover.

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Washington

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Dawsey
Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Joseph
Mr. Lester
Mr. Nichols
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Mr. Tamm
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Miss Gandy

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

CHICAGO

FILE NO. 7-82

REPORT MADE AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	DATE WHEN MADE March 31, 1937	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/22 & 24/37	REPORT MADE BY V. E. CRISS VEC:JMS
TITLE GEORGE TIMNEY; DOCTOR JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases--FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232 et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Only known ELLIS families living in Calumet City, Illinois interviewed without locating a MR. ELLIS, son of MRS. ELLIS, a practical nurse.</p> <p>P.</p> </div>			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent Eugene X. Humphrey, Indianapolis, Indiana 2/27/37. Letter from the Cincinnati Field Division 3/5/37.			
DETAILS: <u>AT CALUMET CITY, ILLINOIS:</u> <p>JAMES E. MUCKIAN, Postmaster, upon interview stated he did not know a MR. ELLIS, about 25 years old, whose mother is a practical nurse. All letter carriers of Calumet City while in the Post Office at noon were contacted by MR. MUCKIAN, and they knew of only two ELLIS families in Calumet City, one living at 859 Harrison Street and the other at 862 Wentworth.</p> <p>ARTHUR ELLIS, 859 Harrison Street stated he knew of no such MR. or MRS. ELLIS as set out in the lead.</p> <p>MRS. WILLIAM ELLIS, 862 Wentworth stated that her husband's parents were in England and that she knew of no one as mentioned in the lead.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="font-size: 2em; font-family: monospace;">7-1571-13878</div>	
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MISS FAITH BAILEY in charge of the Calumet City Health Service Department was interviewed but stated she did not know a MRS. ELLIS or her son, and suggested that Agent call at St. Margaret's Hospital at Hammond, Indiana where patients from Calumet City are taken.

Agent called this hospital by telephone but was advised that they did not have any record of practical nurses.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

INDIANAPOLIS FIELD DIVISION: At Hammond, Indiana will re-contact FRANK MOLESBERGER, referred to in reference report, as to whether he has learned the first name and address of MRS. ELLIS or her son.

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Mr. Clegg	_____	()
Miss Beahm	_____	()
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This is the nurse in Ohio who claims to have assisted
in the capture of Harry Campbell in Ohio, and has
alleged that the Bureau allowed publicity to be given
her in this connection.

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Post Office Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
March 20, 1937

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Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: MARION PIKE; .45 Automatic
Pistol, C-183422: Informa-
tion Concerning.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 24,
1937. Enclosed herewith is a photograph of Marion Pike,
as requested. He is reported to have been an associate
of Filbur Underhill and was wanted at one time at King-
fisher, Oklahoma for bank robbery. As for the above des-
cribed pistol, Richards and Conover Hardware Company,
Oklahoma City, has advised that this gun was sold by it
to Louis Cohen, who runs a department store in Shawnee,
Oklahoma.

Appropriate investigation will be conducted
at Shawnee regarding Cohen's disposition of this pistol.

Very truly yours,

C. W. STEIN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Edward G. G. G.

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

POST OFFICE BOX 812
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

April 1, 1937

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID *4/5 NW*

On January 25, 1937 a request was made that a stop be placed against Russell Thompson, FBI No. 615119 and that the Chicago Field Division be notified of any subsequent arrest, inasmuch as it was desired to interview him in connection with the above captioned case.

Please be advised that Thompson was located at Elgin, Illinois and the stop placed against him may therefore be removed. *Post l 4/7/37*

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
D. M. LADD,

Special Agent in Charge.

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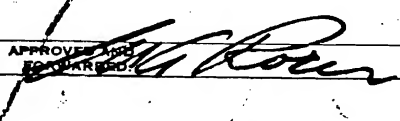
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FILE NO. 7-27

REPORT MADE AT Salt Lake City, Utah	DATE WHEN MADE 3-30-37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2-10-37 3-17-37	REPORT MADE BY R. J. ABBATICCHIO, JR. FR
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEX; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1232; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Photographs and description of Benson Groves furnished Reno, Nevada police. Stop notices outstanding with Motor Vehicle Bureaus, Utah and Nevada upon 1935 Ford V-8 Tudor Sedan, Motor #2044337 and 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor #PJ322772. P. REFERENCE: Cleveland Division letter to all Field Divisions, dated 11-20-36. DETAILS: AT RENO, NEVADA. Photographs of Benson Groves, wanted for harboring in instant matter, have been exhibited to various police officers at Reno, Nevada; and copies thereof, together with Groves' description, have been furnished Detective Sergeant A. M. Welliver, inasmuch as Reno is the type of city frequently visited by criminals such as Groves. A review of the Salt Lake City Division file reflects that at the present time stop notices are outstanding with the Motor Vehicle Bureaus in Utah and Nevada for the following cars: X Ford V-8 Tudor Sedan, 1935 Model, Motor #2044337. X Plymouth four-door Sedan, 1935 Model, Motor #PJ322772, Serial #2619837. PENDING			
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FILE NO. 7-37

REPORT MADE AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI	DATE WHEN MADE 4-1-37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3-10-20-37	REPORT MADE BY W. A. WINTER B
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEX DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232, et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE HARBORING OF FUGITIVES NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: P. Ted Thornton, Earl Morris and Edith Morris now at Coffeyville, Kansas. Vern Griffith, present proprietor of tavern near Nevada, Missouri, believes he may be able to obtain information concerning whereabouts of Subject Lett.			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent V. W. Gillen, Kansas City, Missouri, 1-26-37.			
DETAILS: b7d - At Nevada, Missouri - Agent contacted the confidential informant of Special Agent V. W. Gillen, who has previously been referred to as [REDACTED] and was informed by her that Ted Thornton, Earl Morris and Edith Morris, wife of Earl Morris, are no longer located at Fort Scott, Kansas. She was not sure as to their present whereabouts, but believed that they were probably at Coffeyville, Kansas. She stated that she had been unable to obtain any information as to the present whereabouts of Subject Lett. Vern Griffith, who presently operates the tavern about twelve miles west of Nevada, Missouri, informed Agent that Ted Thornton and Earl Morris were presently living in or near Coffeyville, Kansas. He believes that Earl Morris is living in Coffeyville and that Ted Thornton is probably			
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living on a dairy farm that he owns near Coffeyville. He informed that Thornton and Morris have no further connection with the tavern, except that Thornton is a half owner of the building in which the tavern is located. He has not seen Thornton or Morris for several months, but he believes that he will see them soon. He stated that Edith Morris, as far as he knows, is presently living with her husband, Earl Morris, at Coffeyville, Kansas. Griffith is of the opinion that Thornton knows or can readily ascertain the whereabouts of Lett. He believes that Morris is probably also advised as to Lett's whereabouts, but he is not so sure as to that. Griffith stated that he is presently on good terms with both Thornton and Morris and he believes that if Morris knows or can ascertain where Lett is located that he will be able to get this information from Morris. He does not have much confidence in his ability to get the information from Thornton, inasmuch as he stated that Thornton would be very unlikely to give this information to anyone. Griffith was informed of the fact that the Bureau will pay \$100.00 for information which will establish the location and effect the apprehension of Lett and he stated that he will do everything that he can to obtain this information. Griffith stated that Thornton and Morris have been trying to open gambling places at Chanute and Fort Scott, Kansas, but as far as he knows now they have not been successful in these attempts.

Chief of Police Ade Tow had no additional information in this case.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION at Coffeyville, Kansas, will, if advisable, attempt to make an informant of Mrs. Edith Morris as suggested in the report of Special Agent L. E. Kingman, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 11-3-36.

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April 2, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,
San Francisco, California.

RE: GEORGE TIMINNEY, DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN;
with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1232, et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM;
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

For your general information, the Bureau has recently been advised that under date of August 10, 1921 two Thompson sub-machine guns were sold by the Federal Laboratories of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to Mr. E. L. Dinely, General Service Corps, 1214 Hewes Building, San Francisco, California.

The serial numbers of these guns are 2775 and 2345.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc Los Angeles

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CHICAGO

FILE NO. 7-82

REPORT MADE AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	DATE WHEN MADE April 1, 1937	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/19, 20, 23, 28/1937	REPORT MADE BY JOHN M. JONES
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEY; DOCTOR JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases-FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232 et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGI- TIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Interview with PETER VON FRANTZIUS and RUSSELL FRANK THOMPSON regarding sale of machine guns and revolvers indicates guns were for use of CAPONE "mob" and were sold through "BOZO" SHUPE (Deceased), JOHNNIE QUIRK and WILLIE JACKSON of Chicago, Ill. VON FRANTZIUS and THOMPSON both admit the sale of these guns but stories differ regarding the removal of serial numbers and methods of contact.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Letters from the Chicago Division to the Bureau 8/8/36 and 1/7/37. Bureau letter of 10/15/36. Reports of Special Agents V.I. Parry, Kansas City, Missouri 10/27/35, and John L. Madala, Chicago, Illinois 10/17/35.</p> <p>DETAILS: In an effort to ascertain the whereabouts of RUSSELL FRANK THOMPSON, Agent contacted Postmaster KANAPPENBERGER at Kirkland, Illinois who advised that THOMPSON has not resided in that locality for a number of years; that his mother-in-law MRS. STEINER resided three blocks from the Post Office, and that a sister-in-law BESSIE YEAGER operated the</p>			
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Variety Store in Kirkland.

Agent contacted MRS. BESSIE YEAGER, owner of the Variety Store at Kirkland, Illinois, sister-in-law of THOMPSON. MRS. YEAGER advised that she was unable to supply THOMPSON'S correct address but believed he lived in Elgin, Illinois on East Chicago Avenue; that the exact address could be secured from MR. BENJAMIN A. DUMSER, a real estate operator in Elgin, Illinois, and that her sister VERA, THOMPSON'S former wife, had re-married a MR. COOK and worked at the Consumers Hat Shop, 1001 South 5th Avenue, Maywood, Illinois, but she requested that her sister VERA not be contacted without MRS. YEAGER first being notified, inasmuch as VERA in particular and the family in general, are very much afraid of THOMPSON as he had had a considerable amount of dealings with hoodlums in the past, and had on one occasion attempted to "shoot up" the family, firing several shots through a door and wounding his mother-in-law in the hand; that THOMPSON was placed under arrest for this offense but his mother had "paid some money to somebody", which resulted in his release.

On March 22, 1937 Agent telephonically contacted MRS. YEAGER and advised her that it was necessary that MRS. VERA COOK be interviewed, and subsequently on March 24, 1937 Agent contacted MRS. COOK at the Consumers Hat Shop, 1001 South 5th Avenue, Maywood, Illinois.

MRS. VERA COOK stated that although she had been married to THOMPSON during the period in which he was engaged in certain hoodlum activities, and in particular the sale of machine guns and revolvers, she knew very little about his business inasmuch as he was very secretive and if at any time she was in the car when he contacted any of his associates he did not introduce her to them. She stated that on one occasion she had been introduced to AL CAPONE by THOMPSON, at Jackson and Lincoln Avenue in Chicago, and on another occasion she had met JIMMIE MOORE alias CLAUDE MADDOX at JOHNNIE QUIRK'S garage; that on two occasions THOMPSON had machine guns shipped to Kirkland, Illinois which were picked up by her and delivered to THOMPSON in Chicago; that on the first occasion she did not know what was in the box, but subsequent happenings led her to believe something was wrong and on the next occasion that THOMPSON had requested her to pick up a package at the express depot in Kirkland, she had stopped on the road to Chicago and opened the package at which time she discovered the contents to be machine guns. She stated she had observed fountain pen gas guns and bullet-proof vests and numerous revolvers in THOMPSON'S possession; that to the best of her knowledge the machine guns sold by him

were delivered to one "BOZO" SHUPE, at QUIRK'S garage at Chicago, Illinois. MRS. COOK stated that she had never actually seen any of the guns delivered. She requested that in any contact had by any Bureau Agents with THOMPSON, the fact that she had been interviewed or her present address not be divulged to him.

PETER VON FRANTZIUS was re-interviewed at the Chicago Field Division on March 23, 1937, and stated that THOMPSON had originally visited his (VON FRANTZIUS') store and introduced himself as a friend of Chief FREEMAN of the Evanston Police Department, and had purchased a small amount of fishing tackle, and later had purchased from him some fountain pen gas guns, which sales ultimately resulted in the purchase by THOMPSON of numerous machine guns; that the machine guns in question cost in the neighborhood of \$150.00 a piece, for which THOMPSON had paid from \$175.00 to \$180.00 a piece; that all of the guns sold by him were delivered over the counter with the exception of two packages sent to Kirkland, Illinois; that he had sold numerous revolvers to THOMPSON, the largest sale at one time being six .45 caliber revolvers. He stated he had never had any guns shipped from the factory without numbers, and had never removed any numbers from machine guns; that he did not know "BOZO" SHUPE before the St. Valentine Day massacre investigation.

With reference to his sale of machine guns, VON FRANTZIUS advised that the first gun was sold to one ROBERT NEWTON, whose identity was unknown to him, and he had received approximately \$200.00 for this gun. The second sale was to the Evanston Police Department of a Thompson sub-machine gun for \$200.00. One Thompson machine gun was sold to WEISBROD for \$183.00, and he had purchased one Thompson sub-machine gun from V.L. and A., for an individual named SCARRAMIZZO, who operates a gun shop on the south west corner of Blue Island Avenue and Harrison Street in Chicago. He stated he had made a sale of two guns to WILLIAM MCCARTHEY who represented himself as a police officer, displaying a "star", but who was later identified as being one STEVE OSWALD. One of these guns had subsequently been recovered by the police department. He made a sale of a gun to H.O'BRIEN, which gun was shipped to Miami, Florida, returned to the store, and then delivered over the counter to an individual he does not recall. The balance of the machine guns sold by him were sold to RUSSELL THOMPSON.

He stated that the gun sold to WEISBROD was alleged to have been delivered to the Chicago Heights Police Department, and at one time WEISBROD had intended selling six bullet-proof vests to the Chicago Heights Police Department but quoted such a low figure that VON FRANTZIUS was unable to make a profitable sale; that subsequently WEISBROD manufactured six vests which were sold to the Chicago Heights Police Department but under tests were found defective.

Regarding additional sales VON FRANTZIUS stated he had sold a very expensive trap shotgun to THOMPSON which was shipped to Kirkland, Illinois and subsequently returned; that there was a possibility that several sales were made of bullet-proof vests and rifles. He stated he had sold about 25 revolvers to TED NEWBERRY and had made an additional sale to FRANKIE FOSTER, known to him as WILLIAMS.

MR. BENJAMIN A. DUMSER was contacted at Kirkland, Ill. and advised that THOMPSON was residing at 453 East Chicago Avenue with his parents.

Special Agent V. E. Criss and the reporting Agent interviewed THOMPSON at his residence on March 20, 1937, and THOMPSON was subsequently re-interviewed at the Chicago Field Division on March 28, 1937.

During the interview on March 28, 1937 THOMPSON advised his correct name was RUSSELL FRANK THOMPSON. At the present time he is employed as field manager and salesman by the Public Service Institute, Inc. 525 De Baliviere Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri which institute is engaged in the sale of Civil Service courses; that during the period of time covered by the sale of the guns in question he was associated with various hoodlums and rackets, but since the investigation conducted with reference to the St. Valentine Day massacre he has quit the racket and gone straight. Since that time he stated he has been engaged in the sale of eyeglasses.

Relative to the sale of instant guns, THOMPSON advised that he believed that SHUPE had originally contacted VON FRANTZIUS who advised SHUPE to contact him (THOMPSON). Subsequently he had purchased a BERGMAN automatic rifle or machine gun from VON FRANTZIUS and delivered this gun to "BOZO" SHUPE and TOMMY MCCARTHY in the basement of WILLIE JACKSON'S tavern; that this gun had not proven entirely satisfactory although he had received \$1,000 for it. Later he had delivered two additional Thompson sub-machine guns to "BOZO" SHUPE in JACKSON'S place. The next sale was of three THOMPSON machine guns which were delivered to "BOZO" SHUPE at Quirk's garage. All of the foregoing guns were purchased and delivered over the counter in VON FRANTZIUS' store after the numbers had been removed. The next sale was of two guns which were delivered direct from the factory to THOMPSON at Kirkland, Illinois, which THOMPSON delivered to SHUPE, who returned them to have the numbers "washed", which was done and the guns subsequently delivered to SHUPE at Quirk's garage. With reference to this sale THOMPSON believed that the guns in question were for a St. Louis mob. Four additional guns were delivered to SHUPE at Quirk's garage, two evidently for FRED BURKE, inasmuch as one was reported found at the St. Valentine day massacre scene, and one in BURKE'S home.

THOMPSON advised that he had supplied the local police authorities with the same information at the time of the investigation of the St. Valentine Day massacre, and that SHUPE had been questioned, refused to talk, and was released, and was killed in the latter part of 1929 in front of QUIRK'S garage in a gun fight with an individual named NICHOLS. He stated that during his contacts with SHUPE at QUIRK'S garage he had noticed a safe in the basement of this garage in which were kept the machine guns, numerous revolvers and a few bottles of nitro-glycerine, and that from "second hand information" he believed the guns in question were to be used by the CAPONE "mob"; that "KLONDIKE" O'DONNELL had made inquiry of him for several machine guns but THOMPSON had referred him to "BOZO" SHUPE and for this reason it was his belief that the single sale of three guns to SHUPE was either for O'DONNELL or a St. Louis "mob", either "EGAN'S rats" or the "CUCKOOS". On one occasion two or three individuals from St. Louis who were registered at a hotel on Diversey and Clark on the north side of Diversey had approached THOMPSON for machine guns which THOMPSON had refused to sell. He believed that SHUPE had taken care of this sale.

THOMPSON further advised that JOHNNIE QUIRK and "BOZO" SHUPE were partners and that there was a possibility that QUIRK might know something about the final disposition of these guns. With reference to his statement at the Coroner's inquest, THOMPSON advised that he had made an honest statement at this inquest because he realized he was "in a spot"; that at that time he was represented by CHARLES SOELKE, an attorney, and that there was possibility that SOELKE might have secured a copy of the transcript of THOMPSON'S statement to Assistant States Attorney DITCHBURN.

When re-interviewed at the Chicago Field Division on March 28, 1937 THOMPSON advised that his mind is somewhat hazy as to the events leading up to the sale of the machine guns in question but he believes that due to the fact that he had been engaged in selling fountain pen gas guns and merchandise of that character, he had been approached by WILLIE JACKSON who asked him if he could secure some machine guns at which time THOMPSON had answered in a haphazard manner: "Yes, for about one thousand dollars a piece". When JACKSON did not seem to raise any objection to the price and had introduced him to "BOZO" SHUPE, THOMPSON had seen the possibility of making some easy money and had approached VON FRANTZIUS who had several old German guns in stock. THOMPSON stated he had taken one of these BERGMAN machine guns, met "BOZO" SHUPE at JACKSON'S tavern, and tried out the gun at which time SHUPE seemed satisfied, paid \$250.00 in cash and later paid the balance of \$750.00. After this sale "BOZO" had objected strenuously as to the exorbitant price asked, and in future sales THOMPSON had received from \$250 to \$350 for each gun. He stated he had received this particular price due to the

fact that the numbers had been removed from the guns. He stated that the numbers had in fact been removed at VON FRANTZIUS' store and on one occasion in particular by VON FRANTZIUS himself, in THOMPSON'S presence.

With reference to the removal of four guns from VON FRANTZIUS' store which were subsequently returned by him, THOMPSON advised that he believed these four were for BOZO, who could not pay for them and they were returned and subsequently one of them was sold to JIMMIE JACKSON for some union, and THOMPSON had received \$250.00 for this gun. In addition he advised he had sold two guns to a Chauffeur's Union the name of which he believed was the Garage Workers and Helpers Union located somewhere in the vicinity of Ashland or Racine Avenues, for which he received \$300.00 a piece. This particular outlaw union was operated by two individuals, namely CLIFFORD RILEY, deceased, and his partner, one McGILLICUDY. The gun THOMPSON sold to WILLIE JACKSON he believed was used by some printers or painters union to prevent a "heist".

Photographs of the subjects in instant case were displayed to THOMPSON, none of which he recognized with the exception of DOC BARKER whom he stated he thought he had met in MILLER'S saloon on the north west corner of 19th and Main Streets in Kansas City, Missouri, but upon being advised as to his identity he stated he knew the individual and had met him in Chicago in a tavern located near Kedzie and Harrison Streets.

Regarding his criminal record THOMPSON advised that he had been originally sentenced in 1916 to one to ten years for receiving stolen property, released, and subsequently returned in 1917 for violation of parole, at which time he had served two additional months and had finally received a complete pardon from the Governor, which pardon was in the possession of his mother; that his arrests during the year 1935 as reflected by the Bureau's records were for investigation, which he claims were in fact "shake downs" by local police in the respective cities in which he was arrested, inasmuch as he is engaged in a sort of "con racket", selling eyeglasses. THOMPSON advised that he believed that JACKSON is now operating a road house on River Road in or near River Forest or Forest Park, Illinois.

The following is a description of FRANK RUSSELL THOMPSON from information obtained from him and personal observation:

Name:	RUSSELL FRANK THOMPSON
Age:	49 years, born 11/23/88
Height:	5 ft. 8 in.
Weight:	172 pounds
Build:	Stocky
Hair:	Brown, streaked with gray
Eyes:	Blue-gray

Complexion: Ruddy
 Condition of teeth: Poor
 Tattoo Marks: left arm -Zodiac, November
 right arm-Anchor;
 Scars: Cut scar on wrist; cut
 scar on neck; bullet wound
 left breast.
 Eyeglasses: Bifocal
 Residence: 502 Prospect St. Elgin, Ill.
 Occupation: Employed Public Service
 Institute, St. Louis, Mo.
 as salesman.
 Marital Status: Married
 Race: White
 Nationality: American, born Chicago
 Citizenship: Restored after pardon.
 Insurance: Accident, I.C.M.A. - \$5000
 Relatives: Mother, IDA E. THOMPSON, 502
 Prospect St. Elgin, Ill.
 Father, FRANK LOUIS THOMPSON,
 502 Prospect St. Elgin, Ill.
 Wife ELSIE MERCEDES THOMPSON,
 (COSNELLO), 502 Prospect
 St. Elgin, Illinois
 Education: Grammar school; St. Patricks
 High School, Chicago, Ill.

During this interview THOMPSON supplied information re-
 garding the "payoff" to police departments in various cities, which informa-
 tion will be forwarded to the respective divisions covering these cities,
 in separate letters.

The association of THOMPSON with SHUPE and the CAPONE
 "mob" agrees materially with the information contained in report of reference
 of Agent John L. Madala, wherein it is indicated that information was obtain-
 ed from JACK LIBERTY and ELMER FARMER indicating that the DILLINGER and
 BARKER-KARPIS mobs undoubtedly had obtained their guns from JOHNNIE MOORE
 alias CLAUDE MADDOX, and JOE LAUPPA alias JOE D'BRIEN.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION: At Chicago, Illinois will endeavor to contact WILLIE JACKSON and JOHNNIE QUIRK for any information they may have relative to instant guns.

Will also contact one SCARRAMIZZO, operating a gun store at Blue Island Avenue and Harrison Street, Chicago, for information as to the disposition of the gun purchased by him from PETER VON FRANTZIUS.

P E N D I N G

POST OFFICE BOX 812
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

April 1, 1937

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

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RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In connection with the above captioned case, one Russell Frank Thompson was interviewed at the Chicago Field Division on March 28, 1937 regarding his sale of numerous machine guns.

During this interview Thompson advised that he had been in the "con racket" selling eyeglasses, and had been arrested at Hannibal, St. Joseph and Kansas City, Missouri, all of which arrests Thompson claims were "shake-downs".

When questioned in this regard Thompson advised that he was engaged in the "con racket" with one Cawthon and one George Hunter, Cawthon in all probability being identical with the subject in the case entitled Robert Terrell Cawthon with aliases, Impersonation. Thompson advised that Cawthon was the "fix man" for the mob and in order for the "con men" to work in Kansas City, Missouri contact had to be made with Johnnie Baker who would see Prendergast at Hot Springs, Arkansas, arrangements having been made with the Chief of Police before the "con men" could operate.

The Bureau's Identification Division records disclose Thompson was arrested in St. Joseph, Missouri September 5, 1935 charged with obtaining money under false pretenses; no disposition. Thompson advised that at that time he had been approached by an Assistant States Attorney, and due to the fact that Thompson was "broke" he was allowed to square the charge with the woman from whom he had obtained certain money and in addition was alleged to have paid \$250.00. After his release Thompson left town.

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The Bureau's records also indicate an arrest at Kansas City, Missouri August 22, 1935 on a charge of investigation; no disposition, and in this connection Thompson advised that this was an out and out "shake-down"; that Detective Cole and his partner who had made the arrest told Thompson he had to "put it on the line" before he could work in that town; that subsequently he had left \$20.00 with the operator of Miller's saloon at 19th and Main Streets on the north west corner, to be given to Detective Cole.

With reference to the "fix" at Hot Springs, Thompson advised that he had been through Hot Springs approximately a year ago but had not worked the town, but during a discussion he had had with Cawthon regarding the possibility of working in Hot Springs Arkansas, Cawthon advised that the "fix" was with the Chief of Police, and indicated that this "fix" had been arranged through one Douglas Connor, a confidence man who is alleged to work the "payoff" all over the country.

The above is submitted for your information.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,

Special Agent in Charge.

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CC Bureau
CC Little Rock

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida.

REMI:ME

April 1, 1936.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:- RE: BREKID

Reference is made to Bureau teletype of April 1st, 1936, and in accordance therewith I am forwarding herewith photostatic copy of Ohio Certificate of Registration, No. 711696, issued to Charles M. Bronson, for Ford Coupe Motor No. 18-1037480. I am also transmitting photostatic copy of Certificate of Title application No. 950615-A in the name of Charles M. Bronson for the above described automobile, and photostatic copy of combination application for duplicate and transfer of title Certificate No. 950615-A, showing transfer of title to this car from Charles M. Bronson to Duke Randall.

With reference to that portion of the teletype directing that this office ascertain the identity of the party making and actually executing the assignment or transfer of title of this car from Bronson to Randall, you are advised that efforts will be made to obtain this information, if available, as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Nathan
R. B. NATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge.

Encl.
cc - Cincinnati
Cleveland,
St. Paul
Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 1276

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

April 2, 1937

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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

RE: GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with
aliases, Fugitive, I. O. #1232; et al; ED-
WARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim; KIDNAPING; OB-
STRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES;
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of October 19, 1936 and
letter of March 9, 1937, relating to the checking of machine guns in the
territory of this Division and the Kansas City Division. Special Agent
V. I. Parry has recently inspected the following machine guns and has devel-
oped the following information:

Machine guns #7120 and #5724 are still in the possession of
Sheriff Walter Young, Miami, Oklahoma. Machine gun #6851 is in the pos-
session of Sheriff Tom Dean, Claremore, Oklahoma. Machine gun #3888 is
in the possession of Sheriff Bryan McDonald at Vinita, Oklahoma. Machine
gun #8158 which was originally sold to the Security Bank and Trust Company,
Miami, Oklahoma, and which was later given to the police department of
that city, is now in the possession of the Chief, I. Ellis.

With reference to Machine gun #13609, listed as having been
sold to the Mayor of Miami, Roy Denman, former Chief of Police at Miami,
advised Agent Parry that this gun is now in the possession of Joe Anderson
of the Kansas State Highway Patrol. Denman stated that this gun was
loaned to Anderson because of services he had rendered the city, and it
is his to use as long as he is an officer or until he dies, at which time
it is to be returned to the city.

All guns, with the exception of the last described gun, were
personally inspected by Agent Parry. The remaining leads will be given
prompt attention.

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Very truly yours,

C. W. STEIN,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Kansas City

Kansas City, cc
Chas. A. G.
Date 4-9-37

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7-370-13 ⁴⁸⁶ April 9, 1937.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Re: GEORGE TIMINEX; DR. JOSEPH P. EDWAN,
with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. #1132;
et al; EDWARD GEORGE BAKER, Victim;
KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL
FIREARMS ACT.

Reference is made to letter from the Oklahoma
City division dated April 8, 1937, to the Bureau, a
copy of which was furnished the Kansas City division,
advising that machine gun 13609, listed as having
been sold to the Mayor of Miami has been loaned to
Joe Anderson of the Kansas State Highway Patrol, and
that he has been given authority to keep this gun
until he dies, at which time it is to be returned to
the City of Miami.

An appropriate investigation should be made
to ascertain whether this gun is still in the possession
of Mr. Anderson.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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cc-Oklahoma City

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida.

RE: MFB

April 2, 1936.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated March 25, 1936, (7-576) which, on Page 3, directs that this office communicate with Mr. George W. Carey, Manager of the Western Union Cablegram Company, Havana, Cuba, to determine whether the originals of the cablegrams mentioned in the report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Jacksonville, dated 2-25-35, on Pages 57 through 59, were still available.

You are advised that Mr. George W. Carey, Assistant Manager, Western Union Telegraph Company, Havana, Cuba, has informed this office that the originals of the three messages originating at Havana, and a regular tissue copy of the message received from Miami, are still available at his office. Mr. Carey suggests that the request for the production of these messages be made to Mr. J. C. Willever, First Vice-President, Western Union Telegraph Company, 60 Hudson Street, New York, who will instruct the Havana Office of the Company to designate some one to produce the messages. Mr. Carey states that if this procedure is followed, he will designate his Commercial Representative, Mr. Primitivo Arnesto Rodriguez, to produce the messages in Court.

Very truly yours,

R. E. Nathan

R. E. NATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - Cincinnati
Cleveland
St. Paul
Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago.

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P. O. Box 1276,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
April 3, 1937.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Re: GEORGE TIMINEY with aliases;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases - FUGITIVE,
I. O. #1232; ET AL;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim,
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated December 19, 1936, in the above captioned case, relative to prosecutive action contemplated against one Harry Goldstein, Tulsa, Oklahoma, by the Tulsa Police Department, for violating a local ordinance requiring the taking of fingerprints of purchasers of firearms.

In this connection please be advised that the arrest records of the Tulsa Police Department reflect no arrest of Harry Goldstein from the date of the sale of the gun in question on August 21, 1935, until the present time. Captain George Reif, who had originally advised that prosecutive action was contemplated, stated that from his recollection of the matter, he had requested Detective Harry Kiskadden to file charges against Goldstein for violating the City ordinance.

Officer Kiskadden advised that Detective Dave Sikes and not himself was attached to the pawn shop detail at the time it was discovered that the gun had been sold by Goldstein.

Officer Sikes upon interview stated that charges have never been brought against Harry Goldstein in this matter for the reason that he has been cooperative with the Police and because of the fact that inquiries by him strongly indicated that Goldstein, himself, did not sell the gun, but that one of his employees made the sale.

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As requested in reference letter, there are transmitted herewith two copies of the Sections pertaining to the sales of weapons under the 1931 Revised Ordinances of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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The above officers, who were interviewed by Special Agent W. E. Hopton, advised that the provisions of the ordinance are, as a general rule complied with, but that in the majority of instances the fingerprints submitted by firearms dealers are not sufficient in detail to permit classification.

The above officers were of the opinion that such an ordinance could be made very effective if it contained a greater penalty clause, and if the dealers were required to submit fingerprints that could be classified.

Very truly yours,

C. W. Stein
C. W. STEIN,
Special Agent in Charge.

Enc.

cc Cleveland
Chicago

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Revised Ordinances of Tulsa, 1931
Section 131 - Rules Governing Sales of Weapons.

All persons, firms or corporations in the City of Tulsa, Oklahoma, dealing in, trading, selling or offering for sale, any pistol, revolver, dirk, bowie-knife, dagger, slingshot, billy, brass, iron or other metal knucks, or any similar dangerous or deadly weapon, capable of being carried concealed upon the person, shall at the time any such weapons are sold or delivered to the purchaser or person receiving such weapons, require such person receiving or purchasing such weapon to sign an application for the purchase of such weapon, upon blanks to be furnished by the City of Tulsa to the dealers in weapons of the above description without cost to such dealer, and the said application to purchase shall contain the name, age, sex, occupation, color of hair, color of eyes, weight, height, complexion, place of residence, the length of time such applicant has resided at such place of residence, and said application shall also contain a description of the weapon for the purchase of which such application is made and shall include the make, calibre and factory number if any thereon; the dealer selling such weapon shall also at the time of sale or delivery to such purchaser require such prospective purchaser to make and leave with such dealer, for the purpose of identification, a record of such purchaser's fingerprints, such prints to be made upon suitable blanks to be furnished to such dealer by the said City of Tulsa without cost to such dealer; and it shall be the duty of all dealers handling any of the weapons described in this ordinance to deliver to the Police Department of said City of Tulsa on or before the 5th day of each month, all such applications and fingerprint records received by such dealer for all sales and deliveries of such weapons made during the preceding month.

Section 132

The provisions of this article shall not apply to the sale or transfer of weapons herein defined between individuals who are not dealers in such weapons.

Section 133

Any person violating any of the above provisions shall be fined in any sum not exceeding the sum of \$20.00 including the costs. Each day's violation of any of the provisions of this article shall constitute and be a separate offense.

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April 26, 1937

**Re: GEORGE TIMINEX, with aliases;
Dr. Joseph P. Moran, with
aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.#1232, et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim;
KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL
FIREARMS ACT.**

Reference is made to your letter of April 5, 1937 concerning interviews conducted at Tulsa, Oklahoma in connection with the sale of a .45 caliber Colt automatic pistol by Harry Goldstein, which was found in the possession of Alvin Karpis at the time of his apprehension.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1300 Biscayne Building
Miami, Florida
April 3, 1937.

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to instructions contained in the Bureau's letter of March 31, 1937 (7-576), I am transmitting herewith statements submitted by Special Agents Samuel K. McKee, Gilbert S. Gosborn, Roy T. Noonan and Bryan Farrell, of this field division, concerning the detention of Joe^O Roscoe.

Roscoe was interviewed exclusively by Special Agents McKee and Earl J. Wynn, with the exception of short talks I had with him during the period of his confinement. I saw him several times daily while he was detained at the Miami Field Division, and also in the evenings. He was in no wise mistreated, and was given every consideration consistent with his safety. As a matter of fact, he informed me just shortly before he was turned over to the United States Marshal that the treatment accorded him had been very courteous and considerate. He was not permitted any undue liberties; neither was he subjected to any unnecessary hardships. The statements made by him as to the manner in which he was treated here are wholly false. The log previously submitted to the Bureau will show the attention he received, and almost accounts for every moment of his time, both day and night.

As you will observe from the log, Special Agent Royal J. Untreiner was also on duty during the period Roscoe was held here, as were Special Agents F. M. Stone, of the Birmingham Division, James W. Going, of the Atlanta Division, and P. C. Dunne, of the Tacoma Division. The last three Agents were here for the hearing held in the Adams matter in connection with the suppression of the statements rendered by Joe Adams and others, and when they were not in court in that case they acted as guards here at the office at intervals. I have not requested statements from them.

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If the Bureau desires a statement from Special Agent Untreiner, it may be secured from him as he is now in Washington attending the administrative school.

Very truly yours,

R. L. Shivers
R. L. Shivers
Special Agent in Charge.

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Enclosures.

Cc: Cleveland (Enclosures)

Miami, Florida,
April 3, 1937.

STATEMENT OF SPECIAL AGENT S. K. MCKEE, CONCERNING
TREATMENT OF JOSEPH ROSCOE AT MIAMI FIELD DIVISION.

At about 11:30 A.M., January 23, 1937, Special Agent G. S. Goshorn and I arrested Joseph Roscoe in his Buick coupe automobile, which he had just entered at a point on 14th Street just west of Washington Avenue at Miami Beach, Florida. At the time of the arrest I identified myself through displaying my badge, and in response to a question Roscoe admitted his identity. He was told that it would be necessary to accompany Agents to the Miami Field Division. He raised no objection to this and remarked that he had been expecting to be picked up as he had read about his indictment in the newspapers. His car was locked at the point where it was parked, and he entered my personally owned automobile along with Agent Goshorn and myself and was driven to the Miami Field Division, arriving at 12:15 P.M. At the time of this arrest there was no display of firearms, and Roscoe was not handcuffed while being taken to the Miami Field Division.

Inasmuch as it was lunch time when Roscoe arrived at the field division he was offered food but he advised that he had just finished breakfast when arrested, and that he did not care for anything to eat. Roscoe was questioned by me from 1:15 PM to 3:30 PM on this date. At 5:15 PM he voluntarily placed his signature on waivers of removal.

Roscoe was again questioned by the writer, in company with Special Agent in Charge R. L. Shivers, from 5:15 to 5:30 PM on this date.

From 7:45 PM until 11:20 PM Roscoe was again in company of the writer, along with Special Agent R. T. Noonan, and during this period he was questioned intermittently. During this period he also was furnished with supper, and at 11:00 PM on this date the writer took his fingerprint impressions. Questioning of Roscoe on this date took place in the Southwest corner office at this field division.

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On January 24, 1937, the writer was in contact with Roscoe on numerous occasions throughout the day. However, on this date Roscoe was not questioned at any time for more than ten or fifteen minutes at a time.

On January 25, 1937, the writer was in contact with Roscoe from 9:00 AM to 12:15 PM. This questioning took place in the ante room of the detention quarters at this field division. Between 9:15 and 9:45 AM, Roscoe took a sponge bath, shaved, and was given a complete change of clothing from his baggage, which had been obtained for him from his hotel. At this time Roscoe remarked that he was becoming a little stiff from lack of exercise, and at the suggestion of the writer he walked around the detention quarters for a period of possibly ten minutes in order to loosen up his muscles. On comparatively frequent occasions subsequent to this Roscoe took exercise in the form of walking.

On this date the writer again questioned Roscoe from 1:05 PM to 2:10 PM, and same occurred in the ante-room of the detention quarters.

On January 26, 1937, questioning of Roscoe was resumed by the writer and Special Agent E. J. Wynn. This questioning occurred in the office assigned to the writer at the Miami Field Division. Questioning of Roscoe on this date commenced at 9:30 AM and continued until approximately 4:00 PM. From 1:00 PM to 1:20 PM, Roscoe was furnished with lunch, and it is to be stated that the writer and Agent Wynn ate lunch with Roscoe at this time.

During this period of questioning Roscoe furnished a signed statement, which was dictated in his presence from data supplied by him, same being taken by stenographers Eve Cochrane and Margaret Slater, of this division.

At 5:50 PM on this date Roscoe was taken into custody by Deputy U.S. Marshal Frank Edwards, of Miami, Florida, at the offices of this field division, on warrant issued by U.S. Commissioner Roger E. Davis, Miami, Florida. At this time handcuffs were placed on Roscoe by Deputy U.S. Marshal Edwards, and it is to be stated that this was the first time since he had been in custody that Roscoe had been handcuffed.

Prior to being turned over to the Deputy U.S. Marshal, Roscoe thanked the writer and Agent Wynn for the treatment which

had been accorded him, and at that time he remarked that if anyone had told him prior to his arrest that he would have received such good treatment from the Department of Justice that he would have called them a liar.

Review of the log maintained at this field division as to Roscoe reflects that he was given food as follows:

January 23, 1937:

7:45 PM. Supper, consisting of steak, mushroom sauce, french fried potatoes, head lettuce, rolls, tea and ice cream cake roll.

January 24, 1937:

8:15 AM. Breakfast, consisting of toast and coffee.
12:55 PM. Refused food when proferred same by Special Agent in Charge Shivers.
2:55 PM. Given ham sandwich and buttermilk, which he ordered after again refusing a full meal.
6:35 PM. Supper, consisting of soup, fish, potatoes, beans, bread & butter, hot tea, sherbert.

January 25, 1937:

8:10 AM. Breakfast, consisting of toast and coffee.
8:00 PM. Supper, consisting of roast beef, potatoes, beans, bread and butter, tea and pie.

January 26, 1937:

9:00 AM. Breakfast, consisting of toast and coffee.
1:00 PM. Lunch, consisting of ham sandwich, glass of buttermilk.

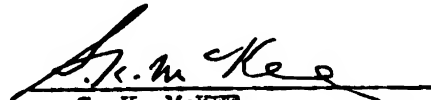
In addition to the food which was supplied to Roscoe he was furnished, at his request, with Mail Pouch chewing tobacco. He was also given daily newspapers and magazines when same were requested by him.

Drinking water was available to Roscoe during the entire period he was at this field division, and he requested water on numerous occasions and was given same, and on other occasions it was offered to him but he advised that he was not thirsty.

The statement of Roscoe that he was chained to the floor and radiators at this field division and given only buttermilk for sustenance are false in every particular. Although the writer was not in Roscoe's company during the entire period he was detained at this field division, sufficient contact was had with to know that he was actually given food in portions to satisfy the appetite of an average person with a normal appetite, as is reflected in the log maintained as to his detention.

With respect to his statement that he was chained to the floors and radiators, the writer can positively say that this statement is without foundation, and can further say that the Biscayne Building, in which the Miami Field Division is located, is not equipped with a heating system and there are no radiators located in the suite occupied by this Field Division; and further, that there is no way in which Roscoe could have been chained to the floor.

The writer can state further that Roscoe was not mistreated in any way during the period of his detention, but that on the other hand he was shown every consideration, particularly in view of the fact that he was answering questions put to him freely and voluntarily.


S. K. McKEE,
Special Agent.

Miami, Florida,
April 3, 1937.

STATEMENT OF SPECIAL AGENT (A) G. S. GOSHORN,
CONCERNING TREATMENT OF JOSEPH ROSCOE AT THE
MIAMI FIELD DIVISION.

On the morning of January 23, 1937, at approximately 11:30 o'clock, Joe Roscoe was arrested by the writer and Special Agent S. K. McKee as he was entering his Buick coupe, which was parked at the time on 14th Street just off Washington Avenue at Miami Beach, Florida.

Agent McKee identified himself by displaying his badge, and advised Joe Roscoe that the writer was also a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The Buick coupe of Roscoe was locked and left at the point where it was parked, and Roscoe voluntarily accompanied the writer and Agent McKee to the Miami Field Division in Agent McKee's personally owned automobile. Roscoe was not handcuffed at the time of his arrest or during the time he was being brought to the Miami Field Division; likewise, there was no display of firearms on the part of the writer or Agent McKee.


Roscoe was brought to the Miami Field Division at approximately 12:15 PM. and taken to the Southwest corner office, where Agent remained with him until approximately 1:15 PM. At 5:15 PM the same date Agent returned to guard duty and remained on duty until 7:45 PM. During this time Joe Roscoe was furnished with a copy of the Miami Herald newspaper. At 11:20 PM the writer and Special Agent J. W. Going relieved Agents McKee and R. T. Noonan. At 11:25 PM. Agent furnished Joe Roscoe with a package of Mail Pouch chewing tobacco, at his request. At 11:45 PM. Joe Roscoe retired for the evening, and was given a copy of the Miami Daily News to read.

At 8:00 o'clock on the morning of January 24, 1937, the writer was relieved by Special Agent Royal J. Untreiner. However, before departing Agent supplied Joe Roscoe with breakfast, consisting of toast and coffee, which was all that he requested for breakfast.

The writer was with Joe Roscoe from 4:45 to 6:00 PM. on January 24, 1937, during which time Joe Roscoe requested a magazine to read, and was furnished with the current edition of Colliers and the Saturday Evening Post.

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The writer desires to state that at no time while he was with Joe Roscoe was Roscoe handcuffed or shackled, and that he was given every consideration.


G. S. Goshorn
Special Agent (A).


Miami, Florida,
April 3, 1937.

STATEMENT OF SPECIAL AGENT R. T. NOONAN, CONCERNING
TREATMENT OF JOSEPH ROSCOE AT MIAMI FIELD DIVISION.

At 7:45 PM, January 23, 1937, Agent first came in contact with Joe Roscoe, in company with Special Agent S. K. McKee, Roscoe at that time being in the office of Special Agent Royal J. Untreiner, at which time he was neither handcuffed nor shackled, and was being served with a complete steak and mushroom supper. Agent remained on duty with Agent McKee until 11:20 PM. that evening, and on the following day, January 24, 1937, in company with Agent Untreiner, took over guard duty of Roscoe. At this time, 6:00 P.M., Roscoe was served with a complete fish dinner. He was permitted to have newspapers and magazines to read and, though held in the detention room, was not otherwise deprived of any liberties. At 10:45 PM., at Roscoe's request, the lights were turned out in the detention room so that he might sleep, and he did not awaken until 8:00 AM the following morning.

Agent departed at 8:20 AM on the morning of January 25, 1937, and returned to duty again at 5:35 PM the same date, with Special Agent Bryan Farrell, remaining on duty until 9:00 AM. January 26, 1937.

Roscoe was served with regular meals during that time, and several packages of tobacco, at his request, and was allowed every possible convenience.


R. T. Noonan
Special Agent.

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Miami, Florida,
April 4, 1937.

STATEMENT OF SPECIAL AGENT BRYAN FARRELL,
CONCERNING TREATMENT OF JOSEPH ROSCOE AT
MIAMI FIELD DIVISION

On January 25, 1937, Agent first came in contact with Joseph Roscoe and stayed with him until 5:35 P. M. the same day. At 6:00 P. M., Agent returned and stayed until 6:15 P. M. At 7:20 P. M., Agent again went on duty until 9:15 A. M., January 26, 1937. At all times Joe Roscoe was treated with consideration and at 7:40 P. M., January 25, 1937, Special Agent R. T. Noonan, ordered supper for Roscoe; at 8:00 P. M., Roscoe had supper which consisted of roast beef, potatoes, beans, bread and butter, tea, and pie. Roscoe did not drink the soup, saying at the time that he did not like it. At 9:00 P. M., Roscoe went to bed and did not arise until 6:50 A. M., when he used the bathroom. At 9:00 A. M., Roscoe had his breakfast which consisted of toast and coffee which was all he desired, although he was asked whether he wanted more to eat. At no time during the above mentioned periods when Agent had contact with Roscoe was he shown anything but the utmost consideration and he at all times appeared friendly and expressed no bitterness of any kind.

Bryan Farrell
Bryan Farrell
Special Agent.

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April 5, 1937.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: GEORGE TIMINEX;
Dr. Joseph P. Moran, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232; et al;
Edward George Bremer - Victim;
Kidnaping; Obstruction of Justice;
Harboring of Fugitives; National
Firearms Act.

Dear Sir:

On December 22, 1936, you were requested by the Bureau to check the activities of Betty Tracy, former fiancée of Dr. Joseph P. Moran, who is employed by the Civil Service Commission at Chicago, Illinois, and also to definitely ascertain whether she is in communication or contact with Moran.

The Bureau desires to know at this time what action has been taken in this regard.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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cc St. Paul
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Miami, Fla.
Apr. 5, 1937.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Andy advised me confidentially yesterday that he has received information to the effect that Congressman Wilcox, who has interested himself in behalf of Adams, of the El Comodoro Hotel, indicted for harboring Karpis, is in reality a cousin of Adams and therefore Wilcox will do all he can to help Adams. He said also that Wilcox is responsible for circulating a rumor that Adams is being "persecuted" by the FBI, because agents stopped at that Hotel and failed to identify Karpis and Adams' indictment is the "face-saving" device of the Bureau. Andy said also that he understands this "picture" of the case is being portrayed to Jim Waters, who he states will prosecute the case specially from Washington. In short, he fears "monkey-business". He added that Wilcox does not like him, Andy, Wilcox being attorney for the policemen's compensation fund.

Andy wanted you to have this information first. I'll pass it on to Shivers.

Expect to leave here about Thursday for Washington.

Sincerely,

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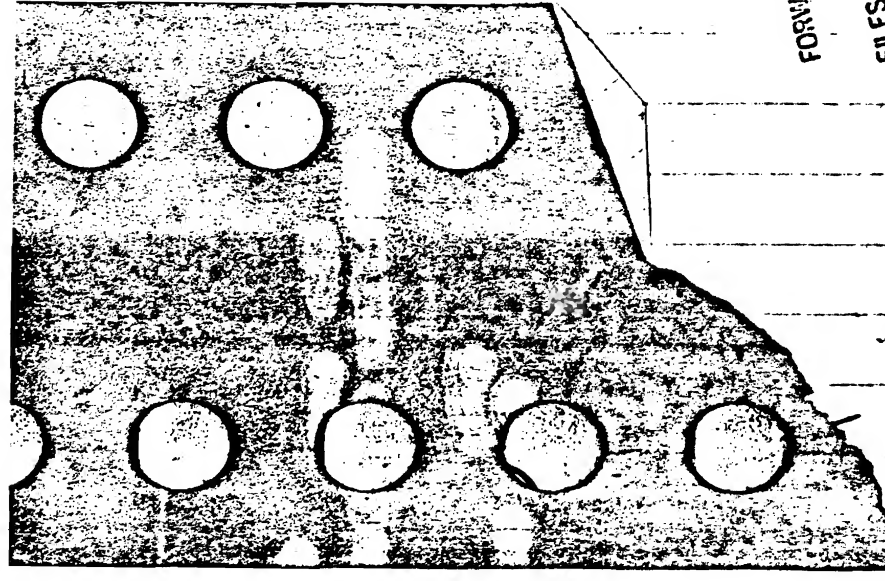
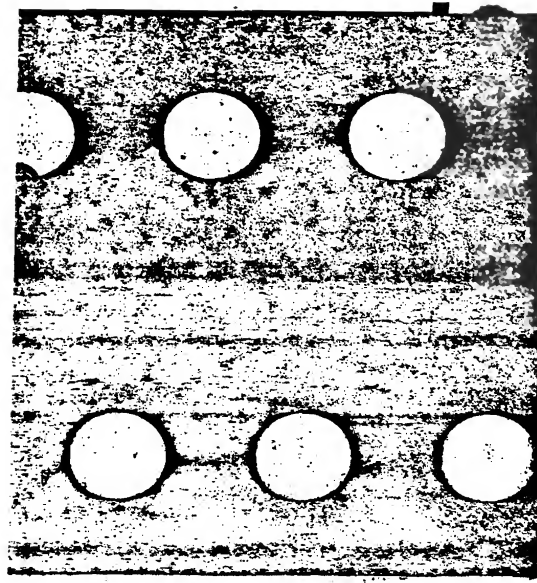


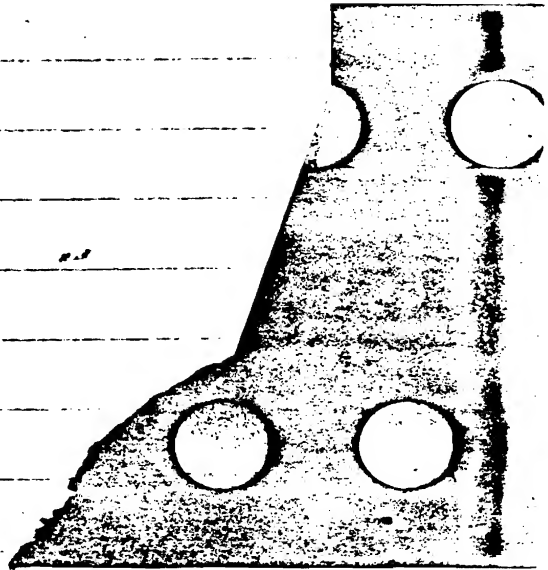
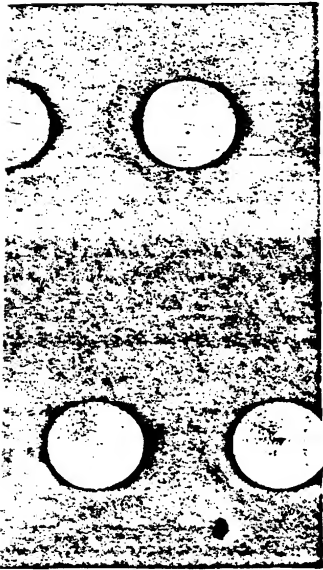
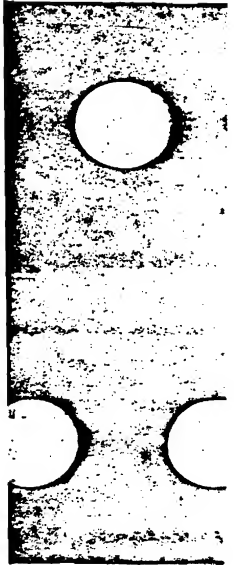
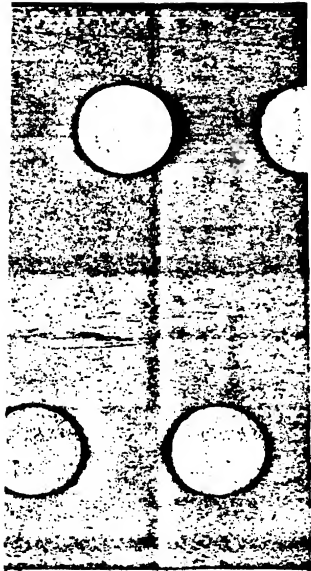
Hon. J. Edgar Hoover,
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,
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Washington, D.C.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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April 10, 1937

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Trial of JOE ADAMS and
DUKE RANDALL

Reference is made to the letter of Inspector L. C. Schilder, dated at Miami, Florida, April 5, 1937, in which he informed that he obtained information from Andy Kavanaugh to the effect that Joe Adams is in fact a cousin of Congressman Wilcox who has interested himself in the defense of Adams and Randall.

It is pointed out that while the Bureau does not know definitely that Adams is not in fact a cousin of Congressman Wilcox, it is highly improbable that this relationship exists. This conclusion is reached by virtue of the fact that the files of the Bureau and investigation have disclosed that Joe Adams is a former resident of Tennessee and Kentucky. He has been in Florida only for the past several years. The investigation has disclosed that the present wife of Joe Adams is the daughter of Robert Knight who is the owner of the El Comodoro Hotel. It has further been learned that the daughter of Bob Knight was previously the private secretary of Congressman Wilcox. It has been intimated that Congressman Wilcox's interest in this case is prompted by virtue of the fact that the husband of his former private secretary is being prosecuted.

Respectfully,

K. R. McIntire
K. R. McIntire.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
APRIL 5, 1937

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: B R E K I D

Please refer to your letter of October 19, 1936, (Bureau file 7-576), in this case, with which you forwarded a list of sub-machine guns sold in the state of Kansas by the Federal Laboratories, Inc., of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, from 1928 to January, 1936, instructing that a checkup be made in connection with these weapons.

In the list furnished by the Bureau were four Thompson submachine guns numbers 5882, 5188, 4683 and 4238, as having been sold to the J. W. Harris Sporting Goods Company, Salina, Kansas.

Special Agent S. B. Landrum, at Salina, Kansas, ascertained that 141 North Santa Fe Avenue the J. W. Harris Sporting Goods Company had been out of business for several years and that the Eagle Auto Store now occupies that location. Mr. R. O. Sheffield, of the Gun Department of that store, advised that none of the records of guns handled by the J. W. Harris Sporting Goods Company were in the possession of the Eagle Auto Store; that J. W. Harris committed suicide a number of years ago after attempting unsuccessfully to burn his stock of goods. Agent Landrum was referred to E. M. Roberts, Fixit Key Shop, Salina, Kansas, who did the gun repair work for Harris.

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Agent Landrum interviewed E. M. Roberts, who recalled that J. W. Harris did have several Thompson submachine guns in stock at one time, but Roberts did not know what disposition was made of these guns. As Roberts recalled, at least one of the guns was sold the local police department. He said that Ed Davis, who now resides somewhere on the West Coast, and who was a partner of J. W. Harris, could probably furnish some information concerning the four Thompson submachine guns listed as having been sold to the Harris Company. Roberts did not know Davis' address.

At the Salina Police Department Sergeant G. L. Whiteford advised that his Department had never purchased a machine gun from the J. W. Harris Company; that he recalls Harris did have several Thompson machine guns in stock but he does not know what

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disposition was made of them. Whiteford stated Ed Davis is now residing in Everett, Washington, and that his address is care of the Everett Furniture Company, 2817 Hoyt Avenue, Everett, Washington.

In the list furnished, Thompson submachine gun number 5697 was reported to have been sold July 7, 1933, to the Sheriff's Office at Salina, Kansas. Agent Landrum interviewed Sheriff U. S. McDonald, at Salina, at which time Agent Landrum examined Thompson Machine gun number 5697, which the Sheriff said was purchased about four years ago by a former Sheriff, but he does not know from whom the weapon was purchased. No records were available to reflect this data.

Thompson submachine gun number 6628 was listed as having been sold July 7, 1933 to the Sheriff's Office at Abilene, Kansas. Agent Landrum, at Abilene, interviewed Undersheriff Robert Hubbard, who permitted him to examine the machine gun in his possession and it was found to bear number 6628, and information was obtained that the same was purchased several years ago from Sam Russell, who is a representative of the Federal Laboratories, Inc.

The Portland Division, at Everett, Washington, will contact Ed Davis, former partner of J. W. Harris, of the Salina firm, and ascertain discreetly from him what disposition was made by Harris of the submachine guns listed herein. Ed Davis now may be located in care of the Everett Furniture Company, 2817 Hoyt Avenue, that city.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley
DWIGHT BRANTLEY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

DB:os
cc - Cincinnati
Portland

April 6, 1937

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Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Re: GEORGE TIMINEX;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1232; et al;
Edward George Bremer - VICTIM;
KIDNAPING;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES;
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter to your division of December 19, 1936, wherein you were requested to advise the Bureau of the disposition made of the case against Harry Goldstein, 108 East First Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, with reference to the city ordinance which requires the taking of fingerprints of purchasers of firearms.

The Bureau desires that you give this matter immediate attention and advise concerning the present status of this case.

It is also requested that the Bureau be furnished with a copy of the city ordinance mentioned above.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
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cc Cleveland
Chicago
Cincinnati

April 6, 1937

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7-576

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: GEORGE TIMINEX;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1232; et al;
Edward George Bremer - VICTIM;
KIDNAPING;
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated January 19, 1937, regarding an interview had with Preston Leroy Paden, the son of Edna Murray.

It was noted from your letter that Paden furnished certain information concerning the activities of one Hugh Larimer, an attorney at Topeka, Kansas, indicating that Larimer might have harbored Volney Davis during the time Davis was a fugitive.

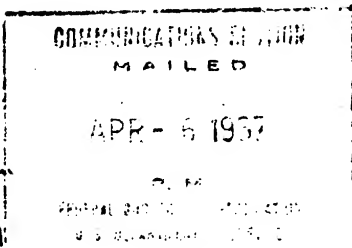
The Bureau is desirous that you advise whether any investigation has been instituted in this regard and, if not, that such matter be given attention at the earliest possible time.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

FILE NO. 7-43

REPORT MADE AT Cincinnati, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE 4-6-37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3-25-37	REPORT MADE BY A. P. Barber - acr
TITLE GEORGE TIMONEY, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE IO #1232, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Investigation at Steubenville, Ohio to locate H. H. Groves or Roy Groves conducted with negative results.			
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REFERENCE: Reports of Special Agent F. G. Tillman, Pittsburgh, Pa., dated 2-9 and 3-2-37.			
DETAILS: AT STEUBENVILLE, OHIO			
Agent examined the Steubenville Postal Directory at the offices of the postmaster and the Steubenville Telephone Directory to ascertain if they contained the name of either H. H. Groves or Roy Groves, with negative results. Neither of these directories contained a name identical with those set forth above.			
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Mr. R. H. Cunningham, Chief of Police, while being contacted on other official business stated that the above names were not familiar to him. A further search of the record of the Bureau of Identification of the above department failed to disclose that no one having a name identical with H. H. Groves or Roy Groves had been arrested by the Steubenville Police Department.			
Mr. W. H. Bougher, employment manager of the Wheeling Steel Corporation, checked his records for both present and past employees for the			
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past two years without finding a name identical with the above.
It is noted that this is the only large industry in Steubenville
employing a large number of men.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE CINCINNATI FIELD DIVISION, at Roxbury, Ohio
will conduct the investigation requested in the report of reference
dated 2-9-37.

P E N D I N G

7-36

P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
April 5, 1937

Postmaster,
Coffeyville, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Re: GEORGE TIMINEY, wa; DR. JOSEPH P.
MORAN, wa, FUG. I.O. #1232; et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-Victim.
Kidnaping; et al.

In connection with an official investigation presently being conducted by this Bureau, it is desired that a thirty day cover be placed on the mail of Mrs. Constance Ferris, 605 West 10th Street, Coffeyville, Kansas. In forwarding tracings to this field division, kindly refer to our file 7-36.

Thanking you for your cooperation in
this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

C. W. STEIN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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1105 BEAVER HALL HILL

MONTREAL

Plateau 3316

April 6th, 1937.

J. Edgar Hoover Esq.
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The recent article in American Magazine re Elmer Meade, or as I knew him, Frank Taylor was interesting to me and my experience with him as reported to you through the R.C.M. Police tallied in the main with your statements.

He however with me relaxed to the point where he had a drink or two of some excellent Scotch, which I provided, and also played a fairly good round of golf with his own clubs, which seemed to show considerable use.

To satisfy my wife's anxiety that our young son will not be the object of Taylor's machinations I would like to know where he was committed and for how long.

Your attention will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours

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April 17, 1937.

Mr. James H. Stedman,
1105 Beaver Hall Hill,
Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

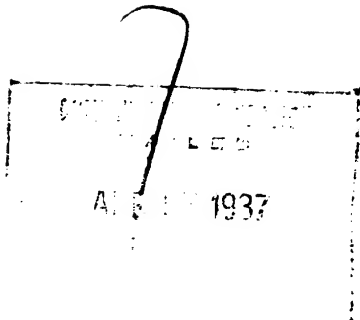
Dear Mr. Stedman:

I am in receipt of your communication of April 6, 1937, requesting information concerning the length of the sentence received by Elmer Reade, alias Frank Taylor, and the name of the institution to which he was committed.

Please be advised that Reade was sentenced on October 14, 1936, at Jacksonville, Florida, to serve two years in the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, and to pay a fine of \$5,000.00 under an indictment charging mail fraud.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



A large, stylized handwritten signature, likely of John Edgar Hoover.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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REPORT MADE AT Oklahoma City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE 4/5/37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/27, 30 & 4/1/37	REPORT MADE BY W. E. Hopton
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEY, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases-FUGITIVE, I.O. #1232; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE Kidnaping; Obstruction of Justice; Harboring of Fugitives; National Firearms Act.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Investigation at Coffeyville, Kansas indicates Lucille Ferris Lett has not been in that vicinity for some time. Informant secured information that Lucille Lett is presently residing in New Orleans, La. Ted Thornton, South Coffeyville, Okla., advises Verne Griffith, Nevada, Mo., has mistaken someone else for Milton Lett. Les McCabe, a possible contact of Lett, is said to reside in Russell, Kans. Indications are that Eva Hooper may know the address of Lucille Lett. Cover placed on mail of Grover Keady, Tulsa, Okla., and Constance Ferris, Coffeyville, Kansas. P. REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent L. E. Kingman, Oklahoma City, Okla., 11/3/36, report of Special Agent A. P. Kitchin, Cleveland, Ohio, 3/22/37, and letter from Kansas City Field Division, 3/26/37. DETAILS: The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent L. E. Kingman and the writer: Hugh Owen, Sheriff, Nowata, Oklahoma, advised that he had received hearsay information to the effect that about two weeks ago Milton Lett's wife, the former Lucille Ferris, was supposed to have visited Maggie Lett at Wann, Oklahoma, at which time she was expecting a baby; that the last time Lett was			
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in that vicinity was in December, 1936, when he visited the home of Esther Twilley, 1401 Elm Street, Coffeyville, Kansas, and that her son, Ed Twilley, had driven Milton Lett to Maggie Lett's place at Wann, Oklahoma.

During the conversation with Sheriff Owen he stated that in January, 1937 Tom Hill was arrested and charged with being implicated in the mail truck robbery that took place in Coffeyville, Kansas in the year 1933, and that Hill is now in some jail in the State of Kansas, probably at Topeka, where he is being held awaiting trial for that offense. In this connection, he stated that Jess Doyle named Tom Hill as the person who had "fingered" the robbery; that shortly before the robbery took place at Coffeyville, Kansas in 1933, Doyle had come to that community for the purpose of killing Tom Hill and that Hill, through considerable tact and diplomacy on his part, was able to again win the friendship of Doyle and took him in on the robbery. As stated by Hugh Owen, Tommie Hill is now under a 99 year sentence for the robbery of the Gas Company in Coffeyville, Kansas, which conviction he has appealed.

Ted Thornton, South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, advised he has ascertained that Verne Griffith, Nevada, Missouri, has mistaken some other person for Milton Lett, and that the information which Griffith has previously furnished an Agent from the Kansas City Field Division relative to Lett has been incorrect. Thornton advised that the present whereabouts of Milton Lett is unknown to him but that he has heard that Lett occasionally visits Coffeyville and stays for only a very brief period of time. It is his opinion that Lett may possibly contact Louie (Snipe) Thornton, who lives on the Rush farm near Iola, Kansas. Thornton insisted that if he knew the present location of Lett, he would furnish same to the writer for the reason he has no use whatever for Milton Lett, especially in view of the fact that Lett at one time burglarized his home.

Charles McCabe, South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, stated that he has not heard or received any information concerning Milton Lett and that it is his opinion that some people mistake Milton Lett for his brother Charles, who now greatly resembles Milton. It is very doubtful whether this individual would furnish any information concerning Milton Lett, even if he knew his whereabouts.

At Coffeyville, Kansas.

Mr. F. B. Hanlon, home address, 614 Willow, business address, 130¹/₂ West 8th Street, advised that he is a friend of the Ferris family, having at one time represented Mr. Ferris in some litigation. In this connection it may be stated that Hanlon is an attorney-at-law. He stated

that he had received no information whatsoever indicating that Lucille Ferris Lett has recently visited her mother, Constance Ferris, in Coffeyville, Kansas; that it is his opinion Mrs. Constance Ferris probably knows the present address of her daughter, Lucille Lett, but that it would be very difficult to secure same from her. It was his opinion, also, that Mrs. Eva Hooper, a favorite aunt of Lucille Ferris Lett, who a couple of months ago visited Mrs. Constance Ferris, probably knows the present location of Lucille Lett. Mr. Hanlon stated also that there is a possibility Milton Lett may contact or communicate with Les McCabe, who is now located at Russell, Kansas.

Clarence Lang, Chief of Police, stated that he has received no information concerning the present whereabouts of Milton Lett, but that he did hear that Milton Lett's wife, Lucille Ferris Lett, was either at her mother's place in Coffeyville or at the home of Lett's mother at Wann, Oklahoma, several weeks ago, at which time she was supposed to have had a baby.

Agent checked the birth records at Coffeyville, Kansas and was unable to locate any record of the birth of a child to Lucille Ferris Lett.

Chief Lang stated there is a possibility Milton Lett may contact or communicate with Les McCabe at Russell, Kansas. In this connection, he mentioned that one Frank Jensen, National Supply Company, Russell, Kansas, would make a good informant in view of the fact that he is acquainted with Les McCabe and probably also knows Milt Lett; further, that Jensen will cooperate with this Bureau.

Chief Lang stated that he could without creating any suspicion ascertain definitely whether Lucille Ferris Lett has visited her mother recently by making a contact with Bessie Haggard, a widow, who operates the rooming house at 601 West 10th Street in Coffeyville, Kansas, where Mrs. Constance Ferris resides. Several days subsequent to the above interview with Chief Lang, he telephonically advised the writer that Mrs. Bessie Haggard told him that Mrs. Constance Ferris had advised her that her daughter has not been to Coffeyville in quite sometime, and stated that she does not know the present whereabouts of her daughter, but that upon an inquiry made by Mrs. Haggard of Mrs. Ferris whether she was not a little uneasy about her daughter, Mrs. Ferris reported that she knows she is all right and that she expects to see her one of these days in the near future at Wichita, Kansas.

Esther Willey, 1401 South Elm Street, upon interview, advised that she had received some information which originated from Vivian Hollinsworth, Wichita, Kansas, to the effect that Lucille Ferris Lett

was at Lett's home in Wann, Oklahoma a short time ago, at which time she gave birth to a child; that Vivian Hollinsworth is presently living with Clifford Collins and his mother in Wichita, Kansas, and that there is a possibility they may know the present whereabouts of Milton Lett. Mrs. Twilley stated that the time mentioned by Vivian Hollinsworth when Lucille Ferris Lett was supposed to have visited Milton Lett at Wann, Oklahoma was around Christmas time, 1936. Mrs. Twilley stated that Milt Lett was at his mother's place the latter part of December, 1936, at which time her son, Ed Twilley, took him to his mother's place at Wann, Oklahoma; that upon her first opportunity she furnished this information to F. B. Hanlon. Mrs. Twilley stated that the present location of Milton Lett is unknown to her; that there is some possibility Lett may communicate with or contact Louie (Snipe) Thornton, who resides on the Rush farm near Iola, Kansas.

For the information of the file, it may be stated that Mrs. Twilley does not trust her son, Ed Twilley, who bears a very unsavory reputation; however, it is believed that Mrs. Twilley will attempt to secure whatever information she can and furnish same to the Oklahoma City Field Division. It is believed also that the information concerning a possible visit by Lucille Ferris Lett to the vicinity of Coffeyville, Kansas for the purpose of giving birth to a baby probably originated from Vivian Hollinsworth, Wichita, Kansas, who is known to the writer and who has clearly indicated in the past that she is entirely unreliable.

George Tobler, 305 Ellis Street, Telephone 2-052, advised that his sister is the superintendent at the WPA sewing room in Coffeyville, Kansas, where Mrs. Constance Ferris is employed; that a few days ago his sister advised him that some of the girls at the sewing room were talking about the weather, this being about a week or ten days ago, at which time Mrs. Ferris made the remark that her daughter was smart in that she was living down south in New Orleans where they don't have cold weather. Tobler stated that he had been unable to ascertain the address of Lucille Ferris Lett in New Orleans, Louisiana, and that it is his opinion that Constance Ferris communicates with her daughter.

Deputy Sheriff Ray Reid, Nowata, Oklahoma, advised that one Pete Craig, who works on a WPA project and resides at Wann, Oklahoma, had informed him that Milt Lett visited his home in Wann about six weeks ago, and thinks that he will at various intervals visit with his mother. Deputy Sheriff Reid stated that he will make arrangements with Craig to be notified in the case Lett should return to Wann, Oklahoma.

A thirty day cover is being placed on the mail of Mrs. Constance Ferris, 605 West 10th Street, Coffeyville, Kansas, the mother of Lucille Ferris Lett.

It was ascertained that Grover H. Keady presently resides at 250 Kyler Street in Tulsa, Oklahoma. A thirty day cover has been placed on the mail of Keady.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE NEW ORLEANS FIELD DIVISION at New Orleans, Louisiana will check the recent directories and make inquiries at the public utilities companies, as well as the post office, etc., in an effort to locate Milt Lett. It is suggested that any available confidential sources of information, particularly those connected with gambling establishments in New Orleans, be utilized in an effort to determine whether Lett is presently located in that city.

THE KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION at Russell, Kansas will make a contact with Frank Jensen, National Supply Company, which individual is acquainted with Les McCabe and possibly Milt Lett. It is believed that this individual may make a useful informant at Russell, Kansas.

At Iola, Kansas will ascertain whether Louie (Snipe) Thornton, who resides on the Rush farm, has received any information concerning Milt Lett.

At Springfield, Missouri will interview Mrs. Eva Hooper, as set forth in the report of Special Agent C. J. Endres, Kansas City, Missouri, dated March 25, 1937, bearing in mind that Mrs. Hooper is said to be in possession of information indicating the present address of her niece, Lucille Ferris Lett.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD DIVISION at Nowata, Oklahoma and Coffeyville, Kansas will maintain contact with the persons mentioned in this report.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
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April 6, 1937

Director,
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Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Trial in the Garrettsville, Ohio, mail train robbery case is set in the United States District Court, Cleveland, Ohio, for April 7, 1937. Special Agent E.J. Wynn is under subpoena in connection with this case.

The attention of the Bureau is called to the fact that Agent Wynn may be called upon to introduce the signed statement secured from Joseph Koscoe at Miami, Florida, dated January 26, 1937, and if this occurs, the statement will, no doubt, be introduced as an exhibit in the case and filed accordingly. Inasmuch as there is only one signed statement available, it will be suggested to United States Attorney E.B. Freed that a copy be filed in lieu of the original, if agreeable with the Court, as the original may be necessary in connection with the contemplated harboring prosecution in the Northern District of Ohio.

Very truly yours,

J.P. MacFarland

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">George G. Rorke employed Boston Branch, L. C. Smith & Co. 10/17/27 to 6/23/28. Fired for having "bad habits". Nothing further known of him by L. C. Smith Home Office.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-P-</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent H. C. Leslie, New York City, 3/19/37.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>AT SYRACUSE, NEW YORK</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">G. Rhoades, Office Manager, L. C. Smith Home Office, 701 E. Washington St., from a search of that company's personnel records was able to advise that a George G. Rorke was employed by the Boston Office of L. C. Smith & Co. as a salesman from October 17, 1927 to June 23, 1928. Rorke was then fired for having "bad habits". Nothing further was known concerning Rorke at the Home Office of the company. Mr. Rhoades advised that Mr. Yaffa, present Manager of the Boston branch, had been employed as a salesman at the Boston branch at the same time Rorke worked for the company.</p> <p><u>UNDEVELOPED LEADS</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">The BOSTON FIELD DIVISION will contact Mr. Yaffa, Manager of the Boston Office of the L. C. Smith & Corona Typewriter Company for any information he might have of use in the locating of George G. Rorke.</p>			
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